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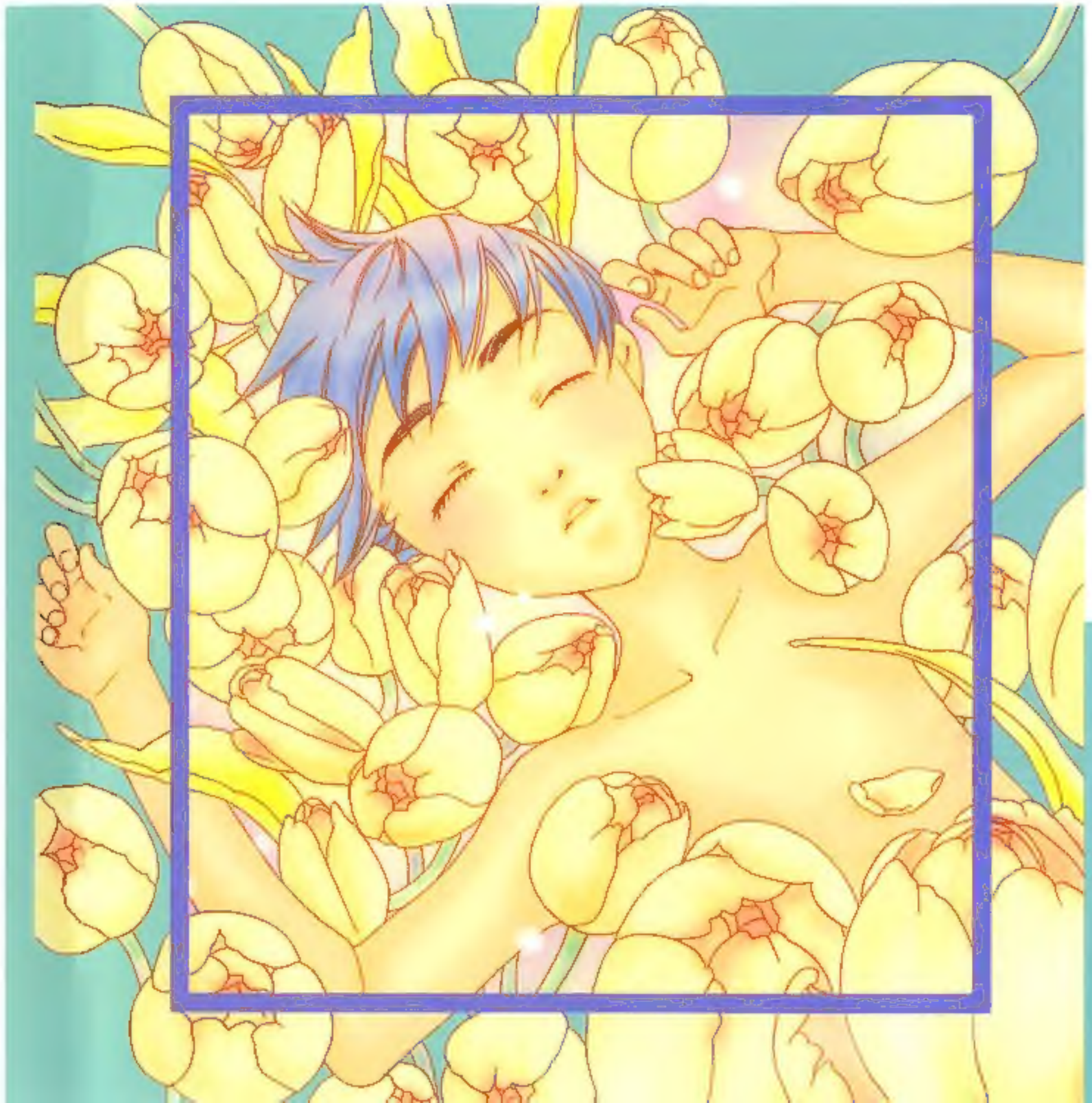

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The "Mystery Detective Agency", created by Ren, has finally been entrusted with a mission! Its first client, Lale Kino, is a handsome boy whose father is Turkish and whose mother is Japanese. He wants to know the whereabouts of his mother and the real reason she left!

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PLEASE SAVE MY EARTH

ALICE IS A MODEL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT. YET, ONE DAY, HER LIFE DRASTICALLY CHANGES WHEN SHE REALIZES SHE'S A REINCARNATED LUNAR INHABITANT. SHE MEETS HER OLD FRIENDS, WHO HAVE ALSO BEEN REINCARNATED AND CAUSES THE ACCIDENT OF HER YOUNG NEIGHBOR. FROM THAT DAY ONWARD HE STARTS TO BEHAVE STRANGELY.

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Chapter 13 Acorn Kids

HOKUTOSHINKI

NYA-ICE TO MEET YOU, CAPUTSUN. ♡ I'M HYAA, HYA.

YES, THE CAT THAT LIVES AT REN'S PLACE, HYA!!

I WANTED TO COME GREET YOU FORMALLY,

SO I BARGED INTO YOUR DREAM, HYA.

Peer

HMM... WHAT GREETING DID YOU MEAN?

STARE—

YES, HYA! ACTUALLY, HYA...

...

BE... BE-CAUSE IT'S A DREAM, HYA.

Skeptical

...WHY IS A CAT TALKING?

YOU'RE ALWAYS TAKING SUCH GOOD CARE OF REN, HYA.

SO I WANTED TO GIVE YOU A PRESENT AS A SIGN OF MY GRATITUDE, HYA.

WHAT'S THIS?

IT'S AN ACORN, HYA~ ♡

I FOUND IT LAST WINTER AT THE SHRINE YOU'RE ALWAYS PLAYING AT, HYA.

I THOUGHT IT WAS A CUTE SEED, HYA.

BUT IT'S A LITTLE SMALL, SO ONCE I MAKE IT A LITTLE BIGGER, I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU, HYA.

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO MAKE SOMETHING THAT FELL OFF A TREE GET ANY BIGGER.

BESIDES, A NORMAL ACORN WON'T GET MUCH BIGGER THAN THAT.

AND WHAT'S THAT ON YOUR FOREHEAD? HYAA DOESN'T HAVE THOSE!

AND JUST WHY ARE YOU GREETING ME?

HYAA IS ALWAYS RUNNING AWAY FROM ME.

It just took a little bit of skill.

WHAAAAT? THAT'S NOT SO, HYA. IT'S ALL RIGHT, HYA.

Reach

HYAA! WAIT!

AH! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

D-DON'T MIND THESE, HYA!!

そそくさ
Hurrying away

SCRATCH

Chirp

WHAT A WEIRD DREAM.

...

Chirp

I'm a rationalist.

Unlike Ren, I'm not a dreamer... rather,

At school I'm called "Caputsun".

My name is Hatake Tsubasa.

...He's a bit of an airhead.

the first to call me "Caputsun" ...

He's Koya-bashi Ren,

I USED THE POEM DAD WROTE TO...

HEY, HEY, CAPUTSUN,

'MORNING, CAPUTSUN!

YEAH, YEAH, I KNOW.

YOU SUCCESS-FULLY READ THE PAST WITH PSY-CHOMETRY, RIGHT?

OH YEAH?

YUP! COOL, HUH?

HOW SO?

...THE INFORMATION YOU ACCESSED WAS THAT IN-TERESTING...?

ABOUT WHAT KINDS OF THINGS MY DAD THOUGHT ABOUT WHEN HE WAS MY AGE!

NOW I WANT TO KNOW MORE

This is Yakushimaru Kachiko,

a girl I know through Ren.

YOU CAN'T EVEN TELL ME?

HE'S BEEN LIKE THIS EVER SINCE THEN.

MM... I CAN'T REALLY TELL YOU...

Ren's a little strange.

by touching objects and using a skill called psychometry.

He can access information from the past

That, however, is thanks to our homeroom teacher, Mokoyama-sensei.

THE ORDEAL WITH SASAMINE-SAN'S FLUTE IS STILL A FRESH MEMORY.

DON'T LOOK OVER THERE!!

SUDDEN ADVICE IS SCARY

There have been more than a few times when I've seen mysteries become real when I'm with these two.

Yakushimaru, on the other hand, is a girl who can sense ghosts.

...

As for me...

I can't do a thing.

KACHIKO-CHAN SAID SHE'D HELP, TOO!!

DON'T YOU THINK IT'S A GOOD IDEA?

HEY, CAPUTSUN, YOU SHOULD HELP, TOO!

MY SUCCESS RATE WITH PSYCHOMETRY IS STILL LOW, YOU KNOW?

I'M GOING TO PRACTICE AND GET MORE EXPERIENCE!

And one day, those two told me about this.

MYSTERY DETECTIVE AGENCY, KOBAYASHI REN, PSYCHOMETRICIAN

WHAT IS THIS, A BUSINESS CARD?

"MYSTERY DETECTIVE AGENCY, KOBAYASHI REN, PSYCHOMETRICIAN"...

UH... WELL, I...

I HAVE NO WAY OF MAKING MYSTERIOUS THINGS POP UP LIKE YOU DO—

AH.

HUH—? WHY NOT?!

...NAW.

I'D HAVE TO THINK ABOUT IT.

SUDDENLY BECOMES EMBARRASSED

NO, NEVER MIND.

WHAT IS IT?

SPEAKING OF, THIS MORNING I HAD A DREAM THAT—

It's true

that my grades have fallen.

REN!

AW, DON'T SAY YOU WON'T DO IT, CAPUTSUN!

YOU CAN'T FORCE HIM.

MOM IS... PRETTY MAD.

MY GRADES HAVE FALLEN AT CRAM SCHOOL LATELY.

I MIGHT HAVE BEEN PLAYING AROUND TOO MUCH...

DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?

...YOUR SCORE REALLY FELL.

I'M RETURNING THIS ANSWER SHEET TO YOU.

HATAKE.

WE HAD TO CONTACT YOUR MOTHER ABOUT IT, TOO.

YOU WERE LATE AGAIN TODAY.

...ARE YOU REALLY SERIOUS ABOUT THIS?

NO.

...

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN HOW VEXING THAT IS?

THAT'S WHY YOU COULDN'T GET INTO THAT WELL-TO-DO PRIVATE SCHOOL!

OR IS THIS THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITIES?

YOU'RE GETTING LAZY!

IF YOU HAVE,

THEN RIGHT NOW YOU SHOULD BE THINKING ABOUT HOW MUCH BETTER IT WOULD HAVE BEEN IF ONLY YOU HAD GONE THERE!

GOT IT?!

NOOO, HOW COULD YOU HAVE DONE THIS BAD, TSUBASAAAA?!

WHAAAAT? NO WAY!!!

IS THIS REALLY YOUR TEST?!

THAT BOY SAYS HIS DAD IS A LITTLE FAMOUS,

BUT ISN'T HIS FATHER ABSURDLY YOUNG?!

FRANKLY, HIS MOTHER IS A CRADLE ROBBER!

WHAT'S MORE, THEY'RE RAISING THEIR CHILD TO BE A LIAR!

AND JUST HANGING OUT WITH HIM IS MAKING YOUR GRADES DROP, TSUBASA!!

FRIENDS AT SCHOOL, LIKE THAT LIAR FRIEND?!

ARGH! PLEASE STOP HANGING OUT WITH HIM!!

SOME-THING'S WRONG WITH YOU LATELY, TSUBA-SA!

YOUR CRAM-SCHOOL TEACHER EVEN SAID SO

WHEN HE TOLD ME YOU WERE LATE AGAIN TODAY!!

THERE'S BEEN A LOT GOING ON,

LIKE WITH MY FRIENDS AT SCHOOL... AND STUFF.

DON'T TALK BAD ABOUT MY FRIEND!!

EH?

AND,

AS MUCH AS I DON'T WANT TO SAY IT,

I HAD ALREADY BEEN THINKING

THAT IT WAS ABOUT TIME, SOME-HOW.

..

That's right.

I see it like this...

at the tender age of 8, I'm a boy who has already been hurt

and has experienced many failures.

but my history of "failure" weighs quite heavily on my mind.

failed

...

I haven't been derailed or anything.

Mom's next goal is...

to have me at least get accepted into the middle school

affiliated with the elementary school I didn't get into.

No way, no way, no way, there's no way Tsubasa couldn't get in—!!

MOM AT THAT TIME

An acorn that fell off the tree

will definitely not get any bigger.

But,

I know.

And to be totally honest, I want to play with him some more.

Meeting and playing with Ren has been really interesting and fun.

It's better to part ways with him

sooner rather than later.

We have different paths to take

...

or something.

If I ask myself why,

I just somehow know.

But I can't bring myself to accept this.

But it's better that way.

For sure, I—

HE'S FREE T' CHOOSE.

THERE'S NO HELP-ING IT,

Gloomy

SIGH...

I DON'T BELIEVE IT...

CAPUTSUN WON'T JOIN THE MYSTERY DETECTIVE AGENCY...

Hyaa

THERE SHOULD BE SOME HELPING IT! HYAA, WHYYYY!— WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?

I THOUGHT HE'D DEFINITELY BE INTERESTED AND HELP!

BESIDES, A DETECTIVE AGENCY WITHOUT CAPUTSUN WOULD BE SUPER UN-BALANCED!

LOOK HERE...

A BIG PROBLEM!

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WITH A PROBLEM, ARENTCHA?

KACHIKO-CHAN, YOU WANNA QUIT, TOO?!

JUST BECAUSE CAPUTSUN WON'T DO IT?!

JUST BECAUSE YOU WANT TO DO IT?

DOES EVERYTHING YOU FIND FUN HAVE TO BE FUN FOR CAPUTSUN, TOO?

I DON'T KNOW HOW HE FEELS, BUT BECAUSE YOU WERE ONLY CONCERNED WITH WHAT YOU WANTED, YOU MADE IT HARD ON CAPUTSUN.

YOU'RE TOO PUSHY!!

...

..YEAH...

THAT, AND HE'S STILL "THINKING ABOUT IT", RIGHT?

YOU PROBABLY WON'T KNOW UNTIL YOU ASK HIM ABOUT IT TOMORROW.

THE NEXT DAY

Hehe . . .

I'M GONNA DO IT, TOO!!

WHAAAAT? YOU'LL JOIN, BUT CAPLIT-SUN WON'T?

MYSTERY DETECTIVE AGENCY KOBAYASHI REN, PSYCHOMETRIAN

HEY, YOU GUYS!

I KNEW YOU WERE HANDING THESE OUT

AND STARTING SOMETHING AGAIN!

HE WON'T COME AROUND, SO JUST GIVE IT UP.

HE'S AT HIS CRAM SCHOOL, SO HE DOESN'T HAVE TIME ANYWAY.

HE'S DIFFERENT FROM THE REST OF US, SO IT'S NO USE.

THAT GUY FAILED AN ENTRANCE EXAM TO A PRIVATE SCHOOL, YOU KNOW?!

HE'S ALWAYS HAD CRAM SCHOOL, SO WHY IS HE SUDDENLY...

BUT IT'S JUST THAT I DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME.

I DIDN'T MEAN TO HIDE IT OR ANYTHING...

YOU HAD NO IDEA?

OH, REA-LLY?

HUH?

THAT'S THE FIRST I'VE HEARD OF THIS!

THIS MORNING, I WAS TALKING WITH MY MOM.

...I DO HAVE A REQUEST FOR YOUR FIRST ASSIGNMENT,

MYSTERY DETECTIVES.

...AH! CAPUT-SUN...!!

GE!

ABOUT WHAT'S MOST IMPORTANT TO US AND NECES-SARY FOR US AT THIS AGE.

I WOULD LIKE YOU TO FIND THIS ANSWER.

AND SHE TOLD ME TO THINK REA-LY HARD

IF IT TURNS OUT YOU DON'T KNOW,

OR CAN'T GIVE ME A SATISFACTORY ANSWER,

NOT ONLY WILL I NOT JOIN THE MYSTERY DETECTIVE AGENCY,

BUT I WON'T PLAY WITH YOU ANYMORE.

WHY?

WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?!

CAPUT-SUN, WAIT!

HEY, WHY?!

I DON'T KNOW EITHER.

SO IT'S ENOUGH OF A MYSTERY.

HUH—?

THIS IS A MYSTERY DETECTIVE AGENCY.

SO ISN'T THAT A WEIRD QUESTION TO ASK?

NO. I DECIDED ON MY OWN.

DID YOUR MOM TELL YOU THAT THIS MORNING?

WHY WON'T YOU PLAY WITH ME ANYMORE?

I DON'T REALLY HAVE A REASON!

...CA...

IF SO, ANSWER.

THEN DO YOU KNOW, NOBUYUKI?

I DON'T WANT TO THINK OF A REASON!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, YOU DON'T HAVE A REASON? I DON'T GET IT!

I'LL GIVE YOU UNTIL TOMORROW TO FIND OUT.

...

SEE? YOU CAN'T.

DAD!!

DAD, I HAVE THE REQUEST OF MY LIFE FOR YOU!!

WHAT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT AND NECESSARY THING IN MY LIFE RIGHT NOW...?!

Why's he mad?

I DON'T WANT TO THINK OF WHY, BUT I HAVE TO!!

Eh?

They're arguing?

LEAVE ME ALONE!!

...HOW MANY REQUESTS OF YOUR LIFE DO YOU HAVE?

WHATEVER, JUST TELL ME, I'M COUNTING ON YOU!

YOU CAN'T JUST HAVE SOMEONE ELSE TELL YOU!

THINK ABOUT IT YOURSELF, ON YOUR OWN!

IT'S DIFFERENT FOR EVERONE, STUPID!

WHAT THE HECK, DAD, YOU JERK!

Idiot!

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Owowow owowow, Gyaaaa! Stop it, Dad!

Help me! Ukyaaaa!

RIN-KUN!

WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN

DAD, YOU'RE A STINGY JERK!

FROM SOMEONE WHO WROTE "WATCHING SUMMER GO BY"*?

Huh...? When Mom thinks of a failed case, Dad comes to mind?

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...AND NOT TRYING TO BE AN ADULT TOO SOON.

NOT GROWING UP TOO FAST... I GUESS?

...LET'S SEE.

IF YOU DID, YOU'D WIND UP LIKE YOUR DAD.

MOM, DO YOU KNOW?

HM? ...HMM...

*T/N A poem Rin wrote when he was 7. It mentions his feelings for Alice. See ch. 12 for more info.

I'm busy right now, so I'll pass on this. Sorry-sorry-sorry-sorry. Forgive me.

DADDY, YOU JERK...

BEEPBEEPBEEP BEEPBEEPBEEP

OH, IT'S HERE.

Send.

BEEP

Dear Daddy. Tell me, what's the most important and necessary thing to someone my age?

ZZZZ

No will to think about it, it seems.

NOBUYUKI, GO TO BED!

THE NEXT DAY.

DID YOU THINK OF ANYTHING, NOBUYUKI?!

DON'T JUST GO DECIDIN' THAT ON YOUR OWN!

I'M THE BOSS SO I DON'T HAVE TO.

MORNING!

COME UP WITH AN ANSWER, BRO?

CAPUTSUN REALLY WON'T...

PLAY WITH ME ANYMORE ..

...IF HE DOESN'T LIKE OUR ANSWERS...

REN .

BING BONG

BING BONG

It's about time to ask what he came up with...

I'M JUST GOING TO DO THE REST OF THIS LATER

...

Tap

Hiwatari's endless chattering

Vol 1

Thank you very much for being here with me Saki Hiwatari speaking. Because I'm working so slowly, the rest of the series is coming along at a snail's pace. I'm I'm so sorry

I feel like the bimonthly release suited me better. Since the magazine I'm publishing my work in, "Bessatsu Hana to Yume", is releasing it on a monthly basis, the pages allotted to embraced by the moonlight was changed starting volume 4

Previously, the stories ended in one chapter and each volume consisted of several stories now, the stories will be much longer (sometimes the story may be short though)

I'm going to continue working while keeping in mind to be just like a small piece of chocolate to be enjoyed during tea time I'm merely a humble mangaka and I'm really happy you're reading my books.

I hope you will keep on doing so

Of course,

not after what I said to him.

All day.

Ren hasn't even looked at me.

We'll just grow apart

little by little this way.

SQUEEZE

FLINCH

What am I even doing?

.. DID YOU COME UP WITH ANY-THING?

I HAVE NO CLUE.

ME NEI-THER..

HEY, CAPUTSUN!

AND...

...REN?

JUST WHAT MY MOM TOLD ME...

NOT TO GROW UP TOO FAST,

AND NOT TO BECOME AN ADULT TOO SOON...

TIME OF PEACE

...WHAT YOUR MOM SAID IS REALLY DIFFERENT.

イラライラ

Irritated

MY MOM'S THE COMPLETE OPPOSITE.

...

...

SHE KEEPS WORRYING ABOUT WHAT I'LL BE LIKE IN THE FUTURE,

AND WON'T EVEN LOOK AT WHO I AM NOW.

SHE ONLY TELLS ME TO HURRY UP AND STUDY

SO I CAN GROW UP.

GAH! WHICH IS IT?!

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

DID YOU LIKE WHAT WE CAME UP WITH OR NOT?!

ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME TO TELL US?

YOU WANNA ARGUE WITH US?!

NO...

NOBUYUKI, STOP IT...!

KID

OF COURSE EVERY FAMILY'S CIRCUMSTANCES ARE DIFFERENT!

YOU BET, SO I HAVEN'T EVEN FAILED THEM!!

AND... AND JUST WHAT DO YOU KNOW, NOBUYUKI? YOU HAVEN'T TAKEN ANY EN-TRANCE EXAMS!!

THAT'S NOT IT, NOBUYUKI!!

TIME O

Frozen

I DUNNO, BUT IT SEEMS LIKE YOU GOT A GRUDGE AGAINST US!!

SO I'LL BET I'VE JUST BEEN STEPPING ON LAND-MINES!

I'M DUMB,

CAPUTSUN'S JUST MAD AT ME...!!

I WANT YOU TO TELL ME, CAPUTSUN, TELL ME...!

BUT IF THERE'S SOMETHING I DON'T KNOW,

TIME OF PEACE

Whoa, instant tears

ARE YOU WEALLY NOT GONNA FOWGIB MEE?

Uwah Uwah

N...

NO...!

Ren.

THAT'S NOT IT...

THAT'S NOT IT!!

I made Ren cry, didn't I?

I'm just going around and around.

I'm the worst for making Ren cry.

CAPUTSUN!!!

This is really...

just my problem.

Tap

OH?!

HATAKE-KUN...

WHAT'S THE MATTER?

I MADE CAPUTSUN HATE ME! I MADE HIM HATE ME! UWAAAAAA!

UWAAAAAA, GUARDIAN ANGELS!

GUARDIAN ANGELS? ... WHAT'RE THOSE?

THAT'S NOT TRUE, REN!!

WHAT...

HUH?

CAPUTSUN SAID THAT WASN'T IT.

YOU CAN STILL MAKE UP!

RIGHT!

LOOKING AROUND

I'M SURE YOU CAN!!

THE ROOF!

I FEEL LIKE HE'S UP THERE!

I CAN SENSE HIM UP THERE!

LET'S HURRY AND GO!! TO WHER-EVER HE IS...

WHERE WOULD THAT BE?!

YES?

...
SENSEI
...

...

SURE FEELS GOOD UP ON THE ROOF.

I'M

A NORMAL PERSON.

TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH,

I LOVE TO SIT UP HERE AND WATCH THE SKY.

I'VE BEEN HANGING OUT

WITH REN... AND YAKUSHIMARU THIS WHOLE TIME.

BUT I'M TOO NORMAL.

JUST ME.

I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN'T DO ANY-THING.

NORMAL PEOPLE DON'T HAVE ANY POWERS.

THEY DON'T HAVE ANY INDIVIDUALITY OR WORTH.

AS MUCH AS I HATE IT, I HAVE TO ACKNOWL-EDGE THAT.

IT JUST STARTED TO WEAR ME OUT...

BEING WITH REN AND YAKU-SHIMARU...

WE INVESTI-GATED MYS-TERIES,

AND BEING WITH REN WAS FUN.

BUT,

IT WASN'T REALLY REN I WANTED TO BE WITH.

I WANTED TO BE WITH A FRIEND.

BUT NOW, I'VE FAILED TO GET INTO A PRIVATE SCHOOL,

AND NEXT

I HAVE TO PUT REN AND YAKUSHIMARU ASIDE.

YOU COULD SAY I'M JUST LIKE A FALLEN ACORN.

IT'S DEFINITELY HOPELESS, TALKING ABOUT HAV-ING ANY KIND OF SPECIAL ABILITIES.

IT'LL KEEP GETTING BIGGER.

INSTEAD, THERE'S A SEED PLANTED INSIDE OF YOU.

HATAKE-KUN.

NO, THAT'S NOT TRUE,

YOUR OWN ABILITIES' INDIVIDUALITY AND WORTH.

KNOCK KNOCK

AND I THINK IT'S PROBABLY DIFFICULT TO SEE

UM... THAT...

WHY DON'T YOU TRY ASKING THEM ABOUT THIS NOW?

...HUH?!

THEN MAYBE THAT'S WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE FRIENDS,

THAT BEING THE CASE,

WHO CAN SEE AND POINT THESE OUT TO YOU.

Gets up

NOT NECES-SARILY.

DOES CAPUTSUN LOOK LIKE HE'S GOING TO CRY BE-CAUSE OF ME ?

SENSEI ...

WHAT IS IT...?

IF I HAVE ANY ABILITIES .. AND INDIVIDUALITY OR WORTH...

...CAN I CHANGE THAT REQUEST I GAVE YOU?

...CAN YOU TELL ME?

.YES.

BUT CAPUTSUN,

I WAS CALLED REN THE LIAR BECAUSE OF THAT MISUNDERSTANDING I HAD WITH NOBUYUKI?!

YOU KNOW HOW

Me?!

YOU WERE THE ONLY ONE

IF THAT'S IT, THEN I CAN TELL YOU CLEARLY...!!

WHO BELIEVED ME.

SO,

YOU BELIEVED ME!

YOU BELIEVED ME.

IT FILLED ME UP WITH POWER!

I'M SURE KACHIKO-CHAN FEELS THE SAME WAY!!

I GOT A WHOLE BUNCH OF POWER!!

BECAUSE YOU BELIEVED ME,

...THERE'S NO HELPING IT...

That's right.

Drip

Drip

Drip

Drip

IF YOU SAY IT LIKE THAT...

THEN THERE'S NO WAY I CAN'T ACCEPT A POSITION...

AT THE DETECTIVE AGENCY...

Oh, they made up?

I didn't know.
I had no idea.

This doesn't mean I can't do anything.

I had it in me, too.

It takes courage to believe someone.

I had

no less mysterious power than the rest of you.

I'M HOME.

OH, WELCOME BACK, TSUBASA.

WASH YOUR HANDS AND COME EAT.

HOW WERE SCHOOL AND CRAM SCHOOL TODAY?

...CRAM SCHOOL WAS NORMAL,

NOTH-ING DIF-FERENT FROM USUAL.

I SEE.

Maybe I should try...

to see if Mom will believe a little, too...

BUT AT SCHOOL...

MY FRIENDS TOLD ME SOME-THING... TODAY.

HE TOLD ME ABOUT MY GOOD POINTS.

HE TOLD ME THAT BY BELIEVING IN PEOPLE I CAN GIVE THEM POWER.

HMM?

FRIENDS AT SCHOOL, LIKE THAT LIAR KID?

...

BUT JUST LISTEN.

YEAH,

DON'T YOU THINK?

WHA... WHAT A NICE THING TO SAY.

YEAH.

...THAT KID REALLY SAID THAT...?

THAT CAN BE A STRONG POWER.

MOM, YOU BELIEVE IN ME TOO, RIGHT?

AND DIDN'T THINK HE WAS A LIAR.

I BELIEVED IN HIM.

CAN I INVITE HIM OVER TO OUR HOUSE NEXT TIME?

HIS NAME IS REN.

...HM... WELL, SHOULD I MAKE HIM A REALLY TASTY CAPPUC-CINO, THEN?

AND TWO OTHER FRIENDS, TOO!

YEAH! I'LL BRING HIM OVER NEXT TIME, THEN.

A MYSTERY DETECTIVE AGENCY, HUH?

CLOSE

YE—S.

SO HURRY AND GET TO BED!

TSUBASA—! YOU'RE DONE WITH YOUR BATH,

CREAK

HMM?

HMM, TOMORROW I HAVE SCIENCE, SOCIAL STUDIES...

WHERE SHOULD WE MAKE OUR OFFICE, I WONDER?

IS THIS?

...WHAT

THIS LOOKS A BIT...

LIKE AN ACORN...?

...ITS SIZE AND SHAPE AREN'T VERY NORMAL...

YET...

Ah!

You're always taking such good care of Ren, hya.

so once I make it a little bigger, I'll give it to you, hya.

But it's a little small.

REN!!

HELLO, REN?!

OH,

YOUR CAT...!!

HYAA!!

HE'S WEIRD!!! HE'S WEIRD!

HE'S REALLY, REALLY WEIRD!!!

Ah, Caputsun?

Huh~~~?

Why's thaaaat?

"YOU'RE A SPECIAL ACORN."

THAT'S

WHY AN ACORN, MOKUREN?

HM?

ISN'T IT CUTE? IT REMINDED ME OF THAT CHILD.

WHAT I WANTED TO TELL HIM.

Besides, a normal acorn won't get much bigger than that.

that fell off a tree get any bigger.

It's impossible to make something

TINK

Whaaaat? That's not so, hya.

It's all right, hya.

Need...more...staff...

ESTHETIQUE NEEDS YOU TO HELP SAVE THIS CUTE LITTLE FELLA! DO YOU THINK YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?

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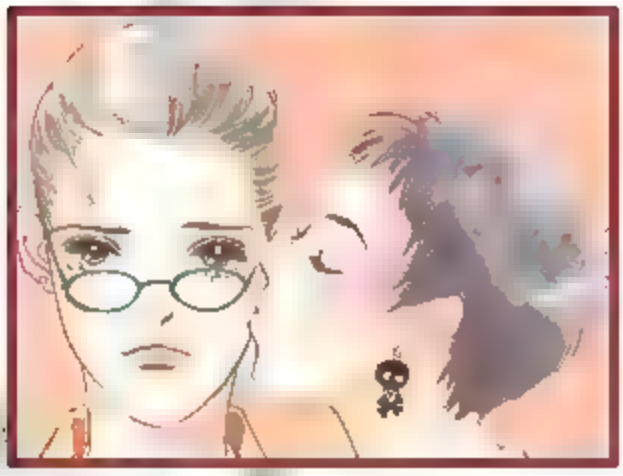

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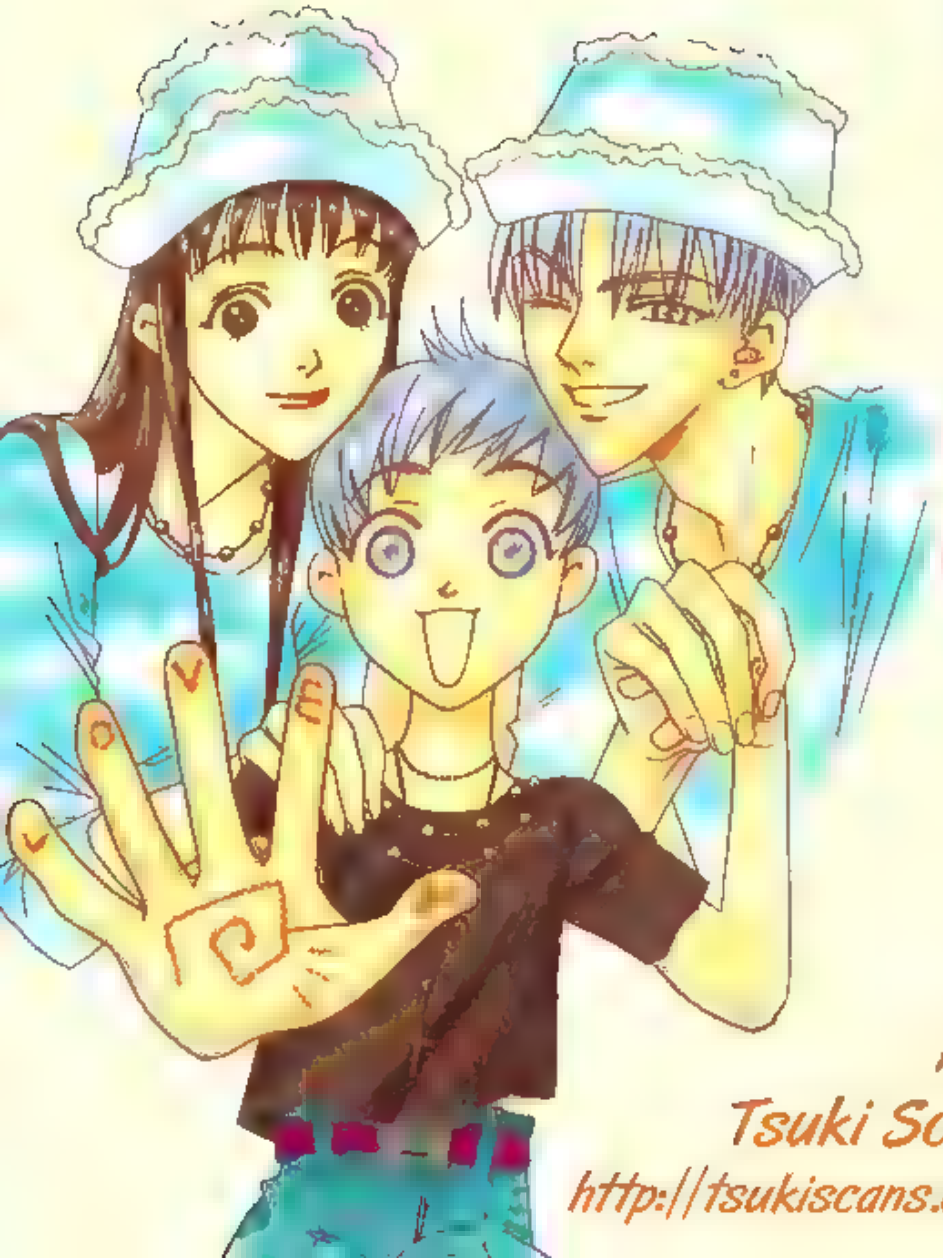

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Chapter 14

Lale's Flowers I

T/N. There are some Turkish names in this one, so I looked up the Turkish spelling. Lale's name is pronounced "lah-leh" and "Anne" is pronounced "ahn-neh", or at least that it the pronunciation that the katakana suggests.

Check
石塚言羽

...

Okay.

Nod

LALE.

HUH?

Ah

WOOOOW

KYAAA

YOUR REALLY COOL BROTHER CAME TO SEE YOU!

HM?

MOE—!!

AND HE'S NOT MOE'S BROTHER, HE'S—

ILHAN'S A FULL-BLOODED TURK, ISN'T HE?

Ilhan, like Ilhan*1

MOE'S OLDER BROTHER IS SO COOL!

I HEAR HIS DAD WAS TURKISH!!

HUH? WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?

LALE-SAN'S A 4TH GRADER, ISN'T HE?!

*T/N. Ilhan Mansiz is a Turkish soccer player who gained several female fans in Japan for his metrosexual style.

THEY LIVE IN THE SAME HOUSE, DON'T THEY...?

BUT...

THEY'RE NOT SIBLINGS.

MOE IS WAKATA MOE.

LALE-SENPAI IS KINO LALE.

OH, I SEE!

BESIDES, MOE DOESN'T HAVE MIXED BLOOD.

Look.

EH?

This.

DID YOU FORGET SOMETHING? TODAY YOU DON'T HAVE CLASSES, AFTER ALL.

WHAT'S UP, LALE?

...

OH, SMELLS GOOD. DID YOU MAKE COOKIES AGAIN? HMP!

NOD

...PERHAPS YOU MADE COOKIES BECAUSE OF THIS?

UM...

...WAIT A BIT... THEN.

...I SEE.

Mystery Detective Agency, Kobayashi Ren, Psychometrician. Inquire with Grade 2, Class 1

NOD

YOU REALLY WANT ME TO ASK...?

The world is all colored like summer.

WOAH, IT'S REALLY HUGE!

The school closing ceremony that starts off summer vacation has ended.

Our mystery detective agency members have chosen part of the back of the school building as our office.

AMAZING! WHERE'D YA FIND IT, HATAKE?!

AND THAT'S A NORMAL ACORN NEXT TO IT?!

...But.

There have been zero clients~ guardian angels~ (cry!)

FROM HYAA.

HYAA.

FROM HYAA.

HUH?

REN'S CAT.

FROM WHO?

DIDN'T I TELL YOU BEFORE? I DIDN'T FIND IT, I RCEIVED IT!

NOBUYUKI...!

WHY JUST A PICTURE?

WHY DON'T YOU PROVE IT BY BRINGIN' THE REAL THING?

AND THEN THERE IT WAS, ON MY DESK.

THERE'S DEFINITELY SOMETHING WEIRD ABOUT HYAA.

HE FIRST APPEARED IN A DREAM.

WHO'S GONNA STEAL IT, HUH?!

I DON'T WANT IT TO GET CONFISCATED BY THE TEACHER.

...BUT, I DON'T WANT IT TO GET STOLEN...

HUH?

Hm—m

...IT MUST HAVE BEEN SOMETHING MY GUARDIAN ANGELS DID...

PONDERING

YOU'RE THE MOST SUSPICIOUS, NOBUYUKI!

AND INFORMED ME THAT HE'D GIVE ME AN ACORN.

WHY WOULD HE GIVE ME ADVANCE NOTICE?!

Ah

RIGHT! SOMETIMES I HEAR YOU MENTION GUARDIAN ANGELS!

WHA'D YA SAY? "GUARDIAN ANGELS" OR SOMETHING?

Eep

HEY DUMMIES, WE GOT A JOB.

WHAT'RE "GUARDIAN ANGELS"?!

Poink

COME IN, COME IN! IT'S NOT MUCH OF AN OFFICE, BUT...

COME IN, COME IN!

IT'S WAKATA!

FROM MY CLASS!

IS THAT OKAY? KOBAYASHI-KUN.

UH... UM... WE SAW THE CARD AND... HAVE A REQUEST...

WE DIDN'T HAVE ANY OTHER PLACE TO TURN INTO AN OFFICE.

YEAH, BUT

Giggle

IT'S THE BACK OF THE SCHOOL, ISN'T THAT WEIRD?

I WANTED TO TALK TO KACHIKO-CHAN, TOO.

SO I THOUGHT THIS WAS A GOOD CHANCE. EHEHEHEHEH.

AND I DIDN'T THINK I COULD BE HER FRIEND, SO I WAS REALLY HAPPY.

I WAS BEIN' SHY SINCE I'M ALWAYS WITH BOYS AND I DON'T HAVE ANY FEMALE FRIENDS.

SHE EVEN SAID I COULD CALL HER MOE!

FINDING OUR FIRST CLIENT, KACHIKO!

GOOD JOB

MOE FOUND ME FIRST.

HATAKE-KUN, YOU SEEM LIKE SUCH AN OFFICE WORKER..

YES, BECAUSE I'M THE OFFICE MANAGER.

SO THEN, DOWN TO BUSI-NESS.

Hmph

All right, I'm going to work hard!!

MARINE CREW

I'M DOWN WITH THAT, HOW 'BOUT YOU GUYS?!

UM.. COULD YOU KEEP IT A SECRET...?

HUH?

WELL ...

TO BE HONEST, I'M NOT THE ONE WITH A RE-QUEST.

IT SEEMS HE WAS INTER-ESTED WHEN HE SAW KOBA-YASHI-KUN'S CARD THAT I HAD...

LALE'S THE ONE ASKING.

...AND...

AS FOR THE REQUEST, YOU MUST KEEP IT REALLY SECRET.

SO I SAY, BUT HE'S NOT REALLY MY BROTHER..

I HAVE A BROTHER, TWO YEARS OLDER THAN ME, IN THE 4TH GRADE...

HEEEH? I DON'T KNOW HIM.

HE STICKS OUT.

AAH, IF YOU MEAN KINO LALE, WE KNOW ABOUT HIM.

AS WELL AS WHERE

...SHE IS NOW.

LALE WANTS TO KNOW THE REAL REASON

FOR HIS MOTHER RUNNING AWAY AND LEAVING HIM BEHIND.

HE'LL ONLY ASK ME FOR THE BARE ESSENTIALS...

LALE DOESN'T TALK MUCH...

HE'S JUST NOT GOOD AT TALKING MUCH WITH OTHER PEOPLE.

HIS JAPANESE IS PERFECT, THOUGH.

LALE-SAN'S GOOD AT THIS.

HMMM. THESE ARE REALLY TASTY

CRUNCH CRUNCH

BUT WHY DIDN'T HE ASK HIMSELF?

OH!

HE COULDN'T MAKE ANYTHING BUT THIS. . BUT...

AH... THESE ARE COOKIES LALE MADE.

Quick

REFUSAL

WHY NOT? IT'S FINE, LET'S TAKE IT!

WHAT?!

AH, NO, WE DON'T ACCEPT PAYMENT!

UM... CAN WE ASK FOR MORE INFORMATION?

SO... LALE-SAN'S MOM ISN'T THERE NOW...?

...NO...

HIS MOM AND MY MOM HAVE BEEN THE BEST OF FRIENDS FOR A LONG TIME.

THEY USED TO TRAVEL ABROAD TOGETHER.

MUNCH CRUNCH

BUT... WHEN LALE WAS 3, HIS DAD DIED.

LALE'S MOM FELL IN LOVE AND GOT MARRIED THERE.

IT SEEMS THEY ESPECIALLY LOVED TURKEY.

THERE WEREN'T ANY RESPONSES TO THE TEXT MESSAGES WE SENT TO HER.

MY MOM WAS SO WORRIED THAT SHE DECIDED TO GO SEE HOW THEY WERE...

...BUT... WHILE THEY WERE LIVING THERE LAST YEAR...

TO LALE'S MOM WHEN THEY CAME BACK TO JAPAN.

MY MOM MARRIED MY JAPANESE DAD,

AND DAD GOT A JOB IN REAL ESTATE,

SO HE RENTED A REALLY CHEAP HOUSE

THEY COULDN'T FIND HER.

BUT SHE WAS NOWHERE...

MOM AND DAD TRIED AS HARD AS THEY COULD TO FIND HER,

SHE WENT TO LALE'S HOUSE IN JANUARY OF THIS YEAR...

AND ONLY LALE WAS THERE...

しーん。

Silence

SNIFFLE SNIFFLE

SINCE WHEN?!

HE WAS LIVING ALL ALONE...?!

HE...

ALL BY HIMSELF, HE WAS MAKING RICE...

AND ALL BY HIMSELF, EATING IT...

MY MOM CRIED AND WAILED WHEN SHE FOUND OUT,

BUT LALE DIDN'T CRY AT ALL.

IT SEEMS SHE LEFT LAST FALL.

SO HE MUST HAVE BEEN LIVING ON THAT.

BUT SHE LEFT SOME MONEY,

LALE WAS SPENDING ALL HIS DAYS BY HIMSELF...

HE MADE SOME TEA FOR HER RIGHT AWAY.

AND HE SEEMED BOTHERED AND GAVE HER A HANDKERCHIEF

EVEN THOUGH THE ONE WHO HAD IT ROUGH WAS LALE...

EEEEEEEH?!

WHAAAAAAT?!

COUNT ME OUT.

TOO HARD.

GROWN-UPS LOOKED AND COULDN'T FIND HER.

HOW'RE WE SUPPOSED T' DO ANYTHING?

ARE YOU STUPID?

ONCE YOU TAKE ON A JOB YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO WORK HARD ON IT, NOBUYUKI.

Praise

誉め3。

WHAAAAT! IS THAT TRUE, NOBUYUKI?!!

HMPH

BUT YOUR MOMMY'S THERE, NOBUYUKI!

BESIDES, EVEN THOUGH MY OLD MAN LEFT ME,

TAKE A LOOK. I'M LIVIN' STRONG AN' DON'T CARE.

KACHIKO-CHAN...

CAN YOU EVEN IMAGINE THAT?!

LALE-SAN'S ALL ALONE, YOU KNOW!

DON'T YOU THINK HIS FEELINGS

WERE BAKED INTO THESE COOKIES?!

Brush

THIS TIME...

HMPH

.. I LIKE WHAT YOU'VE SAID, KACHIKO.

BUT I—

Kachiko-chan...?

NO ONE'S STOPPING HIM ANYMORE.

I WILL PASS.

WE'RE BROTHERS, BRO.

THAT'S RIGHT IT'S QUITE SUDDEN TO DEAL WITH SOMETHING AT THIS HIGH LEVEL

UH... YEAH!

RIGHT, REN?!

COURSE WE WILL!

I'LL DEFINITELY DO IT!!

WILL YOU TAKE.. THE CASE...?

UM.. THEN...

THEN CAN YOU WAIT AT THE PARK NEARBY?!

OH, GOOD!!

THERE IN PERSON!!

I'LL TELL LALE TO MEET YOU!

...!

REN'S ABILITY IS PROOF.

...CAPUTSUN...!

WELL... THAT ASIDE,

I THINK IT'S POSSIBLE TO FIND OUT WHERE SHE IS BY USING PSYCHOMETRY.

I KNOW THAT. I'M SERIOUS.

IF IT'S YOU, IT'LL BE JUST FINE!!

WHATEVER HAPPENS, THIS IS OUR FIRST JOB.

REN, DON'T TAKE THIS TOO LIGHTLY!

Yuzu Park Number 8

...

?

...AH, NOPE, IT'S NOTHING.

HM?

EHEHEH

...HEY, KACHIKO-CHAN,

JUST NOW...

MARINE CREW

Kachiko-chan might have

related to

Lale's situation...

this is mega-hard for me to understand.

I feel weird and full of pity...

...

MARINE CREW

I have a mom and a dad,

so really,

Lend me your power～!!

I BROUGHT HIM!

KOBA-YASHI-KUUN!

All right!! At times like this, I have to rely on my guardian angels!

He's here!!

Woah!

LALE, THIS IS KOBAYA-SHI-KUN.

.....Uu.....

I wonder if it's okay for me to do this...

MARINE CREW

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I'm super uneasy.

Draws back.

IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE JAPANESE WORDS WOULD COME OUT OF THAT FACE~!

Uwawawa ~!

...ER.

...PSY-CHOMETRY FOR ME...?

YOU'LL DO...

HH?

...AH.

!!

SOUNDS GOOD TO ME~

...AH?

LIGHTS UP.

...

He's got a really pretty face~!

THIS IS HATAKE-KUN,

AND THIS IS KACH'KO-CHAN. SO...

KOBAYA-SHI-KUN,

IT'S A LITTLE SUDDEN, BUT...

He's way more normal than I thought.

What?

Huh?

BEFORE LALE'S MOM LEFT,

IT WAS THE LAST THING SHE WRAPPED LALE UP IN.

HUH?!

HERE, TAKE THIS!!

IT'S LALE'S MOM'S SHAWL.

HE SEEMS VERY WELL VERSED IN PSYCHOMETRY .

HMM ...

LALE WAS WONDERING IF YOU COULD READ ANYTHING FROM IT.

...10 MINUTES ELAPSED.

UUUMMMM, MY POWER HASN'T TURNED ON.

I'm sowwy.

...REN. HOW 'BOUT IT... CAN YOU READ IT?

...5 MINUTES ELAPSED.

I'LL WAIT FOR AS LONG AS IT TAKES... I'M FINE.

...I KNOW I'M . NOT TROUBLED.

ANYWAY, HE'S STILL A BEGINNER, SO IT COMES IN WAVES.

FORGIVE US!

ERRR...

B-BUT...

SEEMS REALLY DISAPPOINTED

...

AND THEN ATTACK THIS AGAIN ANOTHER DAY.

IT MIGHT BE BETTER TO SORT REN'S CONDITION BACK OUT

IT'D BE RUDE TO HAVE REN HOLD ONTO IT FOREVER...

...ISN'T IT IMPORTANT T'YA?

WHA~ BUT IT'S LIKE I'M NOT GETTING ANY CUES~!

REN!

CANTCHA' TRY ANY HARDER?!

YEAH, I AGREE.

NO... THAT'S ENOUGH.

Touch

...

...UM SOME-THING ELSE TOO, OR

"CLUES" ...?

YEAH, SOMETHING LIKE... WANTING

Snap

—AH ...!!!

Lale!

It's gotten cold, so wrap up in this.

Okay?

When you wear it, it'll always be like Anne is here, won't it?

You can wrap up with this anytime Anne isn't here.

Warm, isn't it?

If you're not warm, you'll wither away! We sure don't want that!

Lale is Anne's cute, cute tulip!

There you go, wrap up.

Yeah, it looks good on you!

OK.

All right,

Success?!

FOR REAL?!

REAL-LY?!

"ANNE"...?

DID LALE-SAN'S MOM CALL HER-SELF...

YEAH... BUT I DON'T REALLY GET IT.

...!

"ANNE" IS TURKISH FOR "MOM"...!

AMAZING, HOW DID HE KNOW THAT?

NOD

AND .. SHE CALLED LALE-SAN "TULIP"...?

I SAW...!

YOU DON'T NEED TO USE '-SAN' WITH ME,

LALE IS FINE.

THAT GOES FOR ALL OF YOU.

"LALE" IS TURKISH FOR "TULIP".

I'M NAMED AFTER A TULIP.

YOU'RE THE REAL THING, NOT A FAKE.

SO YOU REALLY WEREN'T A LIAR.

THAT'S AMAZING, KOBAYA-SHI-KUN.

GOOD JOB, REN!

WE GOT SOME RE-SULTS!!

FOR REAL. I HAD BEEN WONDERING 'BOUT THAT FOR ABOUT AN HOUR, THOUGH.

YEAH... BUT

IT SEEMS LIKE THAT'S ALL I COULD READ FROM THIS...

IT WAS GETTING COLD, SO ANNE-SAN GAVE THIS TO YOU AND SAID... UM...

"WRAP YOUR-SELF UP IN THIS ANY TIME ANNE ISN'T HERE—"

AH!

...AH.

...LA-LALE!

I'M GOING TO TRY HARD.

UM... IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE? SOMETHING ELSE!

After saying that, the last thing she did was put this on him?

No way...

When you wear it, it'll always be like Anne is here, won't it?

I really need you to lend me some power.

Even if it's small, I want to be able to do something.

DRIP.

Guardian angels,

IT'S STARTING TO RAIN...

AH, COME IN, COME IN.

THEN TO MOVE ON FROM HERE, WE'D HAVE TO RIDE THE TRAIN.

HOW ABOUT WE GO TO LALE'S HOUSE?!

RUMBLING

ROLLING OVER...

FLINCH

EXCUSE US FOR INTRUDING.

ALL THE FURNITURE HAS BEEN LEFT AS IT IS...

IT'S A GOOD THING WE HAD NICE TIMING, LALE!

YEAH, BUT NEXT WEEK WE'RE GOING TO MOVE IT ALL TO A STORAGE FACILITY.

EVEN THOUGH IT'S A RENTAL HOUSE, WE'VE LEFT IT UNOCCUPIED AND NO ONE HAS BEEN IN IT.

I'M GOING TO GO BORROW THE KEY FROM MOM!

OVER... THERE

?

IS SOME-THING WRONG?

KACHIKO-CHAN...

A LITTLE BOY

IS SQUATTING OVER THERE.

What?!

...AH?

I CAN'T HELP WHAT I SEE...

YA.. YA... YAKUSHIMA-RU... DON'T SAY CREEPY THINGS OUT OF THE BLUE.

HE LOOKS JUST LIKE LALE.

HUH... IT IS LALE.

IT'S NOT A GHOST, IT'S A LIVING BEING.

I WAS MISTAKEN.

I don't see anything...

...LALE, DO YOU SEE ANYTHING?

WHA... WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

SMOOTH MOVEMENT

THEN, IT'S NOT A GHOST?! I DON'T SEE IT, THOUGH.

R-

R-

REALLY?

IT MUST BE A STRONG SENTIMENT LEFT OVER FROM WHEN LALE WAS LITTLE.

IT LIVES ON RIGHT HERE.

SO...

RIGHT ABOUT HERE, KACHIKO-CHAN?

YEAH.

IT'S TIMES LIKE THESE I THINK REN S AMAZ NG...

I think I'd be able to do something.....

If I could just see it like that time with Sasamine-san,

...It's no use.

REACH

—AH!

Snap

Touch

THANKS...

Why are you taking your hand away?

More— more.

I'm right here.

Anne, notice me!

Touch me.

Hold my hand.

Rumbling

Rolling over...

Hold my hand, Anne.

Hold my—

Zaaaaaaaaa*

Anne.

Touch me.

*T/N: This is the sound of sleet rain.

TOUCH ME...!!!

I'm getting scared. Touch me.

Stroke my hair with your hand.

Anne.

Touch me.

WHY WON'T YOU TOUCH ME...!!!

TOUCH ME, ANNE! TOUCH ME!

UU... U...

REN...!

REN!!

SNAP OUT OF IT!!!

GRAB

UWOOOOH!

I I DON'T KNOW WHY.

M. MY HEART FEELS CRUSHED.

HAA

HAA AH.

... AH.

BUT LALE'S MOM,

I DON'T GET IT AT ALL.

WOULDN'T SHE TOUCH.

WHY...

SEEMED REALLY...

ALMOST SCARED TO TOUCH LALE.

WHOA?!

Bang

KYA ...!

...I DON'T REALLY LIKE THIS.

AN EARTH-QUAKE ...?

WHA.

WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW...

CRACK

OH NO!! LALE, WHAT HAPPENED?

HEY, LA

LALE, LET'S STOP THIS ALREADY. CAN WE GO HOME?

MARINE CREW

MARINE CREW

LALE, YOU...

...DONT-CHA'...?

YOU HAVE ESP...

WHA..

WHAT'S THAT...?

MARINE CREW

I WAS THE SAME WAY...

WHEN I WASN'T USED TO CONTROL-ING MY POWERS.

YOUR POWER JUST COMES OUT.

WHEN YOU GET A BIG SHOCK,

OR YOU'RE REALLY DIS-TURBED BY SOMETHING,

SO ANNE REALLY DID HATE ME.

I KNEW ALL ALONG

THAT SHE HATED ME.

THAT'S WHY SHE LEFT.

SHE THREW ME AWAY.

Instead,

this time Kachiko-chan cried.

Outside,

Wakata took Lale,

said goodbye, and left.

and Kachiko-chan and I went home.

the rain had already stopped.

Caputsun went his own way, too,

Lale's lips were shaking

but...

he really didn't cry after all.

Hiwatari's Endless Chattering: 2

I wrote "Acorn Kids" around April/May 2006 At that time, I was setting up a fiber-optic system in my workshop It's lasted for 2 months and it was really hard work Consequently, I put on weight because of all the stress (Lol) It might be easier if it's set up at a private person's place Anyway, now I have a very good internet connection and when I do some research I don't have to worry about how much it's going to cost In the anime "Ghost in the Shell" from Production I.G, Major Motoko mentions the endless range of the network I only understand this now I'm a bit late (..laughs)

Production I.G is a very famous enterprise, which also produced the anime "Please save My Earth"

Mr Takayuki Goto, who was the design supervisor at the time, intends to publish a collection of illustrations this year And I contributed a bit to it I feel honored IF you're interested, Feel free to flick through it

WHAT DO YOU MEAN..?

HUH...

WHAT..?

MY DADDY

HAD THE SAME THING HAPPEN TO HIM AS LALE DID.

DADDY'S REAL MOTHER...

...MY REAL GRANDMOTHER

THREW AWAY MY DADDY.

HEY, WELCOME HOME, YOU TWO.

SINCE SCHOOL ENDED, YOU'VE BEEN PLAYING ALL THE TIME.

MAAAN! IT'S SUMMER VACA-TION!

SO— WHERE DO YOU WANT TO GO?!

TELL ME!!

GLARE!

Stomp Stomp Stomp

?

...YOU SHOULD LET HIM SLIDE FOR NOW...

I DON'T WANT TO GO ANYWHERE!!

DAD, YOU STUPID JERK!!

An amazing power!

I thought this was a useful power.

Nobuyuki might have been right.

This is too hard for me.

Saw that coming!

But when it works,

it just makes everyone sad.

This is the worst.

It's summer vacation right now.

We're supposed to be having fun.

TAP

TAP

TAP

TAP

TAP

BEEP

BEEP

Please leave a message

ENGLISH

DADDY?

IT'S ME.

HEY.

I don't want this psychometry anymore!

THERE'S A BOY AROUND HERE WHO IS A BUNCH LIKE DADDY.

...

HE HAS ESP, TOO.

AND BECAUSE OF THAT, H'S MOMMY THREW HIM AWAY. HIS DADDY DIED, TOO.

HEY, DADDY. PLEASE SAVE THAT KID.

REN'S IN A PINCH, TOO.

THIS IS THE REQUEST OF MY LIFE: PLEASE COME.

...I'M COUNTIN' ON YOU.

Need...more...staff...

ESTHETIQUE NEEDS YOU TO HELP SAVE THIS CUTE LITTLE FELLA! DO YOU THINK YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?

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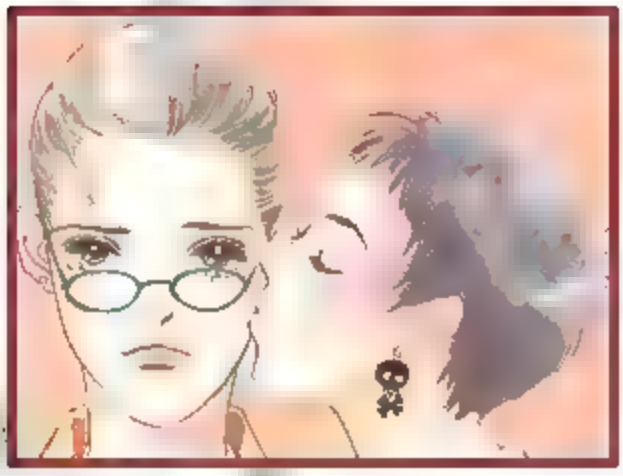

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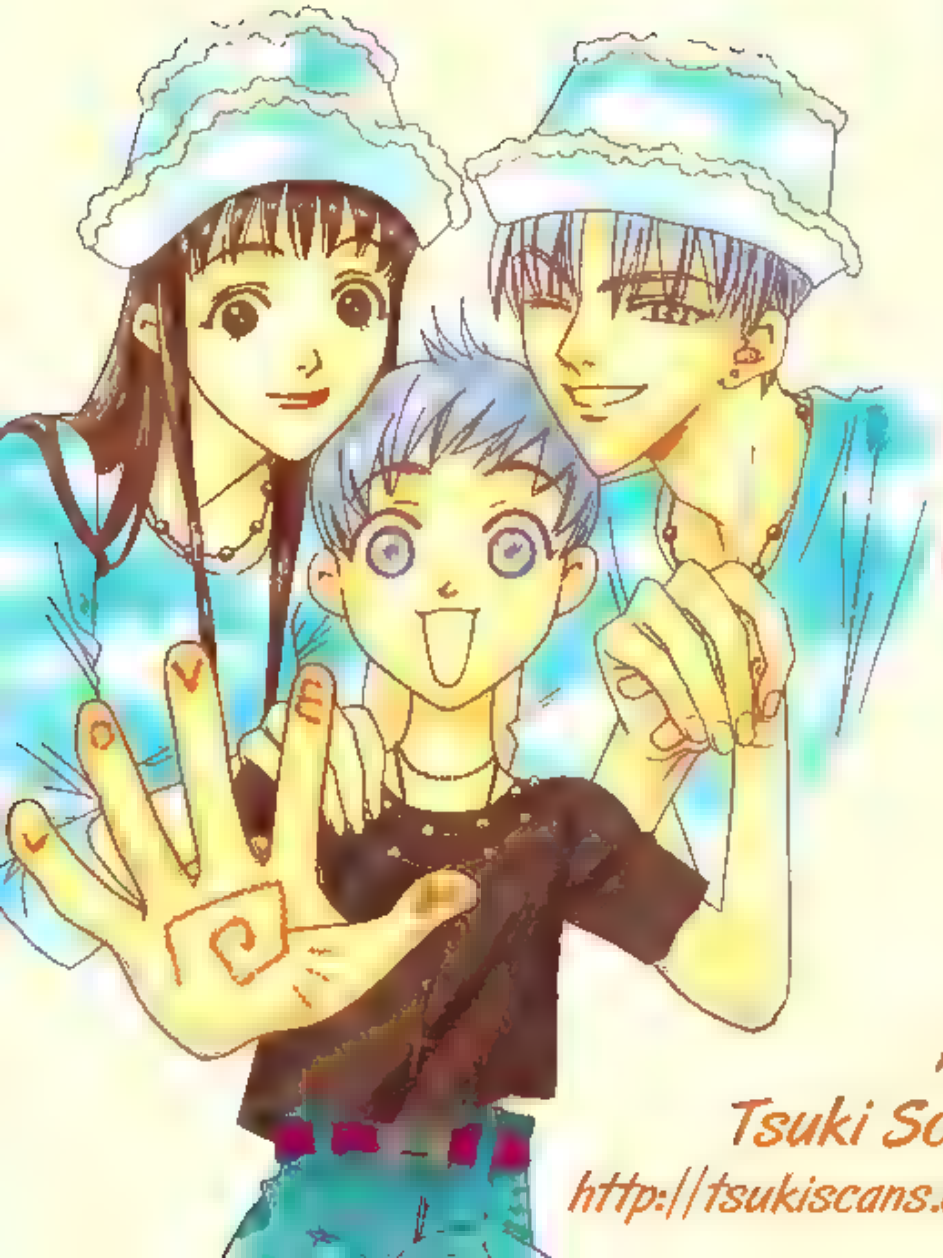

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Chapter 15
Lale's Flowers II

You can see the past and understand what happened,

but if you can't do anything about it,

Psychometry is a meaningless power.

RÉ it's meaningless.

WHO COULD THAT BE?

WHAAAA? ISN'T IT ALREADY PAST 10 AT NIGHT?

HM?

Ding dong

Blergh— glurgurbh

げろろおおろ

Barf

Sparkle Sparkle

AH?

AH, IT'S DADDY!

WHY YOU

.. OH. MIKURO...?!

YOU HEARD MY SOS AND CAME!! YOU'RE SO AWESOME!!

YOU CAME, DADDY!

Squee!

きゃきゃきゃ

THAT'S WHY YOU BARFED IN MY FRONT ENTRYWAY?

...SO.

This is hard to forgive

That was all.

I was... drinking on the bus...

...No, for the first time in a long time.

SHE'S ON A COUNTRYWIDE TOUR... WHY?

ALICE-SAN, ARE YOU THERE...?

Please give me something easy on my tummy—

REN'S IN A PINCH...?

HEY, OCCHAN,

I'LL TELL YOU

—REN'S SECRET.

HE'S BEEN COOPED UP IN HIS ROOM FOREVER.

THAT'S RIGHT!

HE WAS ACTIN' WEIRD, WASN'T HE?

YESTEDAY AND TODAY,

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

Something occurr?

...PSY-CHOMETRY ...WHAT WAS THAT AGAIN...?

ARE YOU MESSIN' WITH ME?

WELL, I JUST CAN'T SEEM TO REMEM-BER...

IN OTHER WORDS,

IT'S THE ABILITY TO READ MEMORIES OF THE PAST FROM OBJECTS.

IT'S THE ABILITY OF PEOPLE TO KNOW OTHER'S FEELINGS.

YOU KNOW THAT, DON'T YOU, RIN-KUN?

I'LL SPARE YOU THE DETAILS,

BUT REN

HAS AWAKENED HIS PSYCHOMET-RIC POWERS!!

WHO WAS IT WHO SYMPATHIZED TOO MUCH WITH SOMEONE ELSE'S FEELINGS

AND TOOK CONTROL OF THE TRANSMISSION TOWER?

HE'S TALKING ABOUT TOKYO TOWER.

THE APPLE DOESN'T FALL FAR FROM THE TREE, DOES IT?

PFF

AH.. SOMEHOW.

...AH.

about this conversation?

Somethin' seems really fishy

I PRETTY MUCH HEARD EVERYTHING FROM KACHIKO.

REN-KUN,

MAY I COME IN? IT'S ME... MIKURO.

I'M COMING IN, ALL RIGHT?

YOU WERE CRYIN', WEREN'T-CHA'.

MIKURO-OJISAN...?

...BE-CAUSE...

IT WAS MY FAULT...

BECAUSE I USED PSY-CHOMETRY...

THINGS WITH LALE-KUN MUST HAVE BEEN QUITE A SHOCK...

WHEN DID YOU COME BACK TO JAPAN?

JUST NOW.

I MADE HIM THINK THAT HIS MOM HATED HIM,

AND THAT THAT'S WHY SHE LEFT.

AND RIGHT AFTER THAT..

THE HOUSE SHOOK LIKE THERE WAS AN EARTH-QUAKE.

IT WAS LALE'S POWER,

AND IT WAS KIND OF SCARY.

IT SEEMS LIKE LALE'S MOM

WAS SCARED OF HIM, TOO.

WHY? EVEN THOUGH SHE'S HIS MOM...?

Scratch

I THOUGHT PSYCHOMETRY WAS A GOOD POWER.

AT LEAST I DIDN'T THINK IT WAS BAD UNTIL NOW.

BUT..

I DON'T WANT THIS. I DON'T WANT IT...!

Who are you?

SCF

I don't want anyone

IT'S TRUE. A LONG TIME AGO, DIDN'T YOU HATE HAVING TO WALK FASTER TO KEEP UP?!

REALLY?

YOU... CAN REALLY USE PSYCHOMETRY?

...
YEAH.

...NO, HANG ON.

DAD REALLY LOVED, LOVED, LOVED MOM!

I ACCESSED THAT FROM "WATCHING SUMMER GO BY"*.

WHEN YOU CALM BACK DOWN, THINK BACK OVER EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED.

SOMETHING MYSTERIOUS THAT YOU HAVEN'T CLEARED UP YET WILL DEFINITELY JUMP OUT AT YOU.

...
HEE.

Hmm

Hmm

SOME ADVICE FROM A PRO LIKE ME.

...WELL, HOW ABOUT THIS, REN-KUN.

*T/N: Watching Summer Go By a poem written by 7-year-old Rin. It was composed out of his feelings for Alice.

WHEN SHE WOULDN'T HOLD HIS HAND...?

...SHE WOULDN'T TOUCH HIM...

WHAT... KIND OF TIME WAS IT...

NO MATTER HOW SCARED SHE WAS,

LALE'S MOM WOULDN'T HOLD HIS HAND... AT ALL.

AND THEN YOU AREN'T ABLE TO HOLD HANDS.

IF YOU HOLD HER HAND YOU'... FEEL LIKE YOU'LL BE EXPOSED.

HMMM. THIS IS JUST FROM MY EXPERI-ENCE.

A SECRET?

RIGHT.

THERE COULD BE A LOT OF THINGS THAT YOU CAN'T TELL ANY-BODY.

ISN'T IT SCARY TO HOLD HER HAND?

IF YOU'RE KEEPING A SECRET FROM YOUR MOM,

IF THAT'S THE CASE, MAYBE YOU SHOULD LOOK FOR THAT.

WHO WAS HIDING A SECRET FROM HIM?

MAYBE IT WAS LALE-KUN'S MOTHER

STILL, WOULDN'T IT BE BEST TO FIND OUT WHETHER OR NOT THE REASON SHE LEFT

WAS BECAUSE SHE HATED HERSELF?

RÊVER

THAT MIGHT BE THE CASE.

WHAT IF THE REASON SHE RAN OFF WAS ANOTHER MAN?

WATCH WHAT YOU'RE SAYING.

NO MORE!

NO!!

I WON'T DO IT!

HEY.

DADDY, ARE YOU SAYIN' THAT... REN

SHOULD USE PSYCHOMETRY?

PUFF

AAH!

DID YOU START THIS IN THE FIRST PLACE?

THEN WHY

DID YOU WANT TO FEEL STRONG?

WERE YOU TRYING TO GRASP SOMEONE'S WEAKNESS, OR DID YOU WANT TO FEEL GOOD?

WHAT WERE YOU THINKING?

LOOKING INTO SOMEONE'S PAST—

LALE CAME AND ASKED ME TO!

AND WHY ARE YOU FISHING AROUND IN OTHER PEOPLE'S PASTS FOR!

NO, THAT WASN'T WHY.

WHAT I REALLY WANTED TO KNOW

WAS WHAT KINDS OF THINGS DAD THOUGHT ABOUT A LONG TIME AGO!

I THOUGHT I JUST WANTED TO PRACTICE

AND GET BETTER AT READING IT.

WHEN YOU WERE MY AGE.

AND HOW YOU FELT

WHAT KINDS OF THINGS YOU THOUGHT ABOUT

EVER SINCE I ACCESSED IT FROM "WATCHING SUMMER GO BY"! THAT'S WHY—

I WANTED TO KNOW

I STARTED IN ORDER TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT YOU.

IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK...

Slap

..TSK, TSK!

YOU THINK YOU'D UNDER-STAND ME

AFTER HAVING ACCESSED JUST A LITTLE BIT OF INFORMATION ONCE?

PFF

I CAN TELL THEM WHAT THE MES-SAGE WAS!

I CAN TELL PEOPLE ...

...

AND JUST WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU COULD USE PSYCHOMETRY?

LIKE HOW YOU HATED TO HAVE TO WALK FASTER TO CATCH UP...!

ABOUT DAD'S FEELINGS,

I TOLD MOM

WHAAAT .. ?

AND JUST WHAT DID YOU TELL LALE?

DOING A HALF-ASSED JOB WITH PSYCHOMETRY IS ONLY GOING TO CAUSE A LOT OF TROUBLE

GO FIX IT BEFORE YOU QUIT.

BUT! TAKE RESPONSI-BILITY JUST THIS ONCE.

READ AND READ AND READ LOTS OF IN-FORMATION,

AND TELL HIM EVERY-THING.

THAT HIS MOM WAS AFRAID OF HIM?

WAS THAT ALL?

BRING OUT THAT MESSAGE.

To have been told that —

BY THE WAY, LALE.

I DON'T MIND.

ANYTHING LIKE CLOTHES AND STUFF WOULD BE GREAT.

CAN WE BORROW ANY OF ANNE'S STUFF?

I CAN'T EVEN FIND HER SHOES...

I THINK SHE TOOK IT ALL WITH HER ...OR JUST THREW IT AWAY.

SURE... BUT WHY?

UM... HOW ABOUT MAKE UP OR A PURSE... COULD WE HAVE THAT?

SORRY FOR BRINGIN' YOU HERE AGAIN, LALE.

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I wrote "Lale's flowers" between May and October 2ϕϕ6 I also wrote, "I hate this guy Volume 2" in October During that time, I had an interview with Marimo Ragawa. I even gave my opinion in the context of promoting Izumi Kawahara's full-length animation "Waran Daitensh" and "Birth" with Nicole Kidman Pluto was removed from the list of planets included in our solar system (!) A baby was born to the imperial Japanese family 41 years after the birth of the last one With these kinds of surroundings, the content of my work changed, too Pluto is Pluto, even though it doesn't belong to the solar system anymore! And I'm confessing that during all that time, I was being totally enthralled by a new game I played with it from spring to winter It's an action game entitled "Okami" from Clover Studio (which is a subsidiary company of Capcom Entertainment) I proclaim myself a compulsive player, who went from game to game And it's the first time I didn't feel like letting go of a game to this point

JUST WAIT A LITTLE MORE.
S-SO ..
.. OUR JOB... IS ONLY HALF DONE...
NO, SHE SAID THIS PLACE IS SCARY NOW.
HMM. HUH?
YAKU-SHIMA-RU, IS WAKATA NOT COMING TODAY?
OH, THAT... IS JUST SOME LEFTOVER TULIPS.
OPEN
WHAT.. ?
YEAH, IT DOES SEEM LIKE A BAD PLACE FOR SUNLIGHT...
ANNE PLANTED THEM, BUT THEY WITHERED WITHOUT BLOOMING.
LALE'S FAMILY HAD A SMALL GARDEN.
THERE'RE SOME SPROUTS.

AH..

I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY REASON TO...

YOU'LL GET THE SAME RESULTS.

LALE, I'M GOING TO BORROW THE SHAWL AND THIS PURSE, THEN.

WE DON'T KNOW THAT YET...

...NO.

T-THAT'S STILL...

I REALLY HATE RECEIV-ING SYMPATHY.

...REN.

I DON'T WANT PEOPLE TO PITY ME.

SEEING PEOPLE LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT

MAKES MY STOM-ACH TURN.

GIVE ME BACK ANNE'S PURSE...!!

YOU CAN'T UNDERSTAND HOW I FEEL!

WE CAME HERE BECAUSE YOU ASKED US TO...

D.. DON'T SUDDENLY START SAYING THAT!

YOU DON'T NEED TO DO IT ANY-MORE...

THEN I SAY IT'S ENOUGH!

HUH?

I'M NOT INTER-ESTED AT ALL.

THE RESULT WILL BE THE SAME.

NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU DO,

AH ...!

NO ONE CAN UNDERSTAND!

HUH ..?

BUT YOU ALL HAVE YOUR PAR-ENTS!

YOU ALL MIGHT BE INTERESTED,

Lale...!!

"Come back home, Anne."

"Come home."

N...!

"I'm good at making rice now,"

"so"

Lale..!!

"I won't be a bother to you any longer."

THAT'S NOT TRUE!!!

NO! THAT'S NOT TRUE!

I...

I'M NOT SYMPATHIZ-ING WITH YOU,

SYNCHRO-NIZING WITH YOU!!

I'M... I'M...

I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT'S SUPPOSED TO MEAN!!

Shoom

AH...!

REN!

Ah.

ARGH.

Bam

Marvel Now

In an instant,

IT'S NOT REN'S FAULT!!

DON'T USE THAT POWER OF YOURS!!

WHAT DID YOU DO TO REN!

I'm sure he's really very kind.

Lale made a face that seemed to say 'what have I done'...

When we met at the park

and I saw his smile—

guardian
angels

I thought
it would be
nice to be
his friend.

Guardian
angels,

can't help
me out this time.

can't lend
a hand.

this doesn't
hurt a bit.

I'm fine.

I'M HO—OME!

so please

don't help me out at all.

I'm going to face Lale on my own.

THEY'RE WITH MIKURO IN REN'S ROOM.

WHERE ARE REN AND KACHIKO-CHAN?

WHAT?! MIKURO-SAN CAME OVER?

IT'S A LONG STORY...

THAT WAS QUICK.

MIND IF I ASK WHY?

...IN THE MIDST OF EXPLAINING

ALICE... WHAT ABOUT YOUR TOUR?

OH?

I BROUGHT BACK A SOUVENIR CAKE

I THOUGHT I'D COME BACK HOME.

AW, BUT I HAVE THREE DAYS OFF.

..AH...!

PSYCHOMETRY WAS... UM...

HMMM... I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND...

SO THIS WAS WHAT HE MEANT WHEN HE SAID YOU DIDN'T LIKE HAVING TO KEEP UP...

ER... ENOUGH OF THAT.

WHEN I SHOWED HIM YOUR PICTURE AND HIS OWN PICTURE HE CERTAINLY DID... YES! HE SAID THAT!

THAT'S RIGHT!

Wow. Ren, you're amazing!

I'M THE ONE WHO HAS TO KEEP UP WITH YOU NOW.

UFUFU... THAT'S RIGHT.

WHAT? I MATCH PACE WITH YOU.

NOT REALLY.

WHEN YOU'RE INTERESTED IN SOMETHING YOU WALK REALLY FAST!

.. BUT REN SURE IS AMAZING.

BUT HE'S INHERITED YOUR SKILLS, TOO...

HE DOESN'T JUST HAVE A KICHE.

WHAT'S SO AMAZING ABOUT IT?

HE'S JUST CAUSING TROUBLE FOR THAT LALE KID

PFFF

Kyaaaa Charge

EVEN YOU'VE GROWN UP, RIN-KUN...!

I NEVER THOUGHT I'D HEAR YOU SAY SOMETHING ABOUT BEING CONCERNED ABOUT CAUSING TROUBLE FOR THOSE AROUND YOU!

...WHAT?

WHAT DO MEAN, DADDY?

SO I WAS RIGHT.

YEAH.

THIS SHAWL THAT REN-KUN FIRST USED HIS PSYCHOM-ETRY ON,

JUST AS I THOUGHT,

THIS SHAWL IS NEW.

EVEN IF YOU TRIED TO READ HIS MOTHER'S FEELINGS WITH THIS,

YOU WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO. YOU CAN'T USE THIS.

MUST HAVE BEEN NEW AT THE TIME.

AND AFTER THAT, WHAT YOU ACCESSED

WAS THAT STRONG LIVING CONSCIOUSNESS LEFT OVER, RIGHT?

...SO THAT'S WHY...

THAT'S WHAT IT WAS!

INSTEAD OF HIS MOTHER'S FEELINGS,

THIS WHOLE TIME YOU HAD ONLY BEEN READING LALE-KUN WITH YOUR PSYCHOMETRY.

THEREFORE, IT WASN'T WHAT HE ASKED FOR IN THE FIRST PLACE.

THIS WHOLE TIME, LALE-KUN WANTED TO KNOW HIS MOTHER'S FEELINGS...

EXACTLY!

WHY DO YOU THINK IT WAS

THAT SHE DIDN'T EVEN LEAVE ONE PIECE OF CLOTHING?

SO WHY WEREN'T THERE ANY?

IF THERE HAD BEEN BUT ONE PIECE OF OLD CLOTHING, REN-KUN WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO USE PSYCHOM-ETRY ON IT.

AND ONLY LEFT ONE BRAND-NEW SHAWL TO LALE-KUN?

YES, THAT'S LIKELY.

...DOES IT HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH ANNE'S SECRET?

...HUH?

DOESN'T IT SEEM A BIT STRANGE TO YOU,

LIKE SHE DIDN'T WANT ANYONE T' USE PSYCHOMETRY ON HER?

HM?

CARESS

KACHIKO.

IT WOULD HAVE BEEN SCARY FOR ANYONE T' FIND OUT HER SECRET,

Can you hear my voice?

HUH?

WHAT, WHAT?!

YEAH, I HEAR YOU.

BUT WHY'S THAT?

SO THIS IS WHY SHE DIDN'T LEAVE ANY OLD CLOTHES.

SO THAT'S WHY SHE WOULDN'T HOLD LALE'S HAND...?!

...AH!

IT'S CALLED CONTACT TE-LEPATHY.

IT MEANS YOU CAN READ SOMEONE'S THOUGHTS WHEN YOU HAVE DIRECT CONTACT WITH THEM.

RIGHT.

SHE DIDN'T WANT HIM TO READ HER THOUGHTS.

MOTHERS CAN TELL

WHEN THEIR CHILDREN MIGHT NOT BE NORMAL.

IF, LIKE KACHIKO, HE COULD FIND OUT JUST BY HOLDING HER HAND,

LIKE REN-KUN.

THE SHAWL SHE LEFT TO LALE-KUN

DIDN'T HAVE ANY OF HER OWN FEELINGS ATTACHED TO IT BECAUSE IT WAS NEW.

THEN HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO READ IT FROM HER LEFTOVER CLOTHES,

WHAT KIND OF SECRET WAS IT...?

Marine crew

IT MADE HER GET FURTHER AND FURTHER AWAY FROM LALE-KUN,

HIS MOTHER WAS TOO WORRIED.

HE MIGHT NOT HAVE EVEN TRIED TO FIND OUT ANYTHING...

EVEN THOUGH

SOME-THING YOU CAN READ FROM.

LOOKS LIKE THERE'S NO OTHER METHOD THAN TO SEARCH OUT

Knock-knock

I DON'T KNOW.

DOESN'T SEEM YOU CAN READ IT FROM THE MAKEUP, EITHER...

Ehehe

I HAD 3 DAYS OFF, SO I WOUND UP COMING HOME.

WHAT ABOUT YOUR COUN-TRYWIDE TOUR?!

OBASAN!!

MOM ...?!

CREAK

CAN I COME IN, EVERYONE?

REN, WHAT'S THE MATTER? YOU WON'T EAT?

HM?

YEAH!

HOW NICE OF MIKURO-SAN TO COME, HUH, KACHIKO-CHAN?

AND IT'S ALSO SUMMER VACATION, SO YOU MUST BE VERY HAPPY.

Coming home

STRANGE CHILD.

ISN'T IT TASTY?

I'm not gonna cry.

I can't cry.

Be it now,

or on any of the other days.

Lale doesn't cry.

Need...more...staff...

ESTHETIQUE NEEDS YOU TO HELP SAVE THIS CUTE LITTLE FELLA! DO YOU THINK YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?

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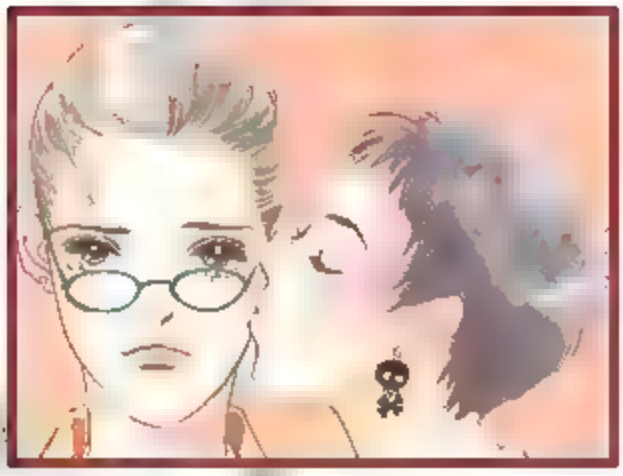

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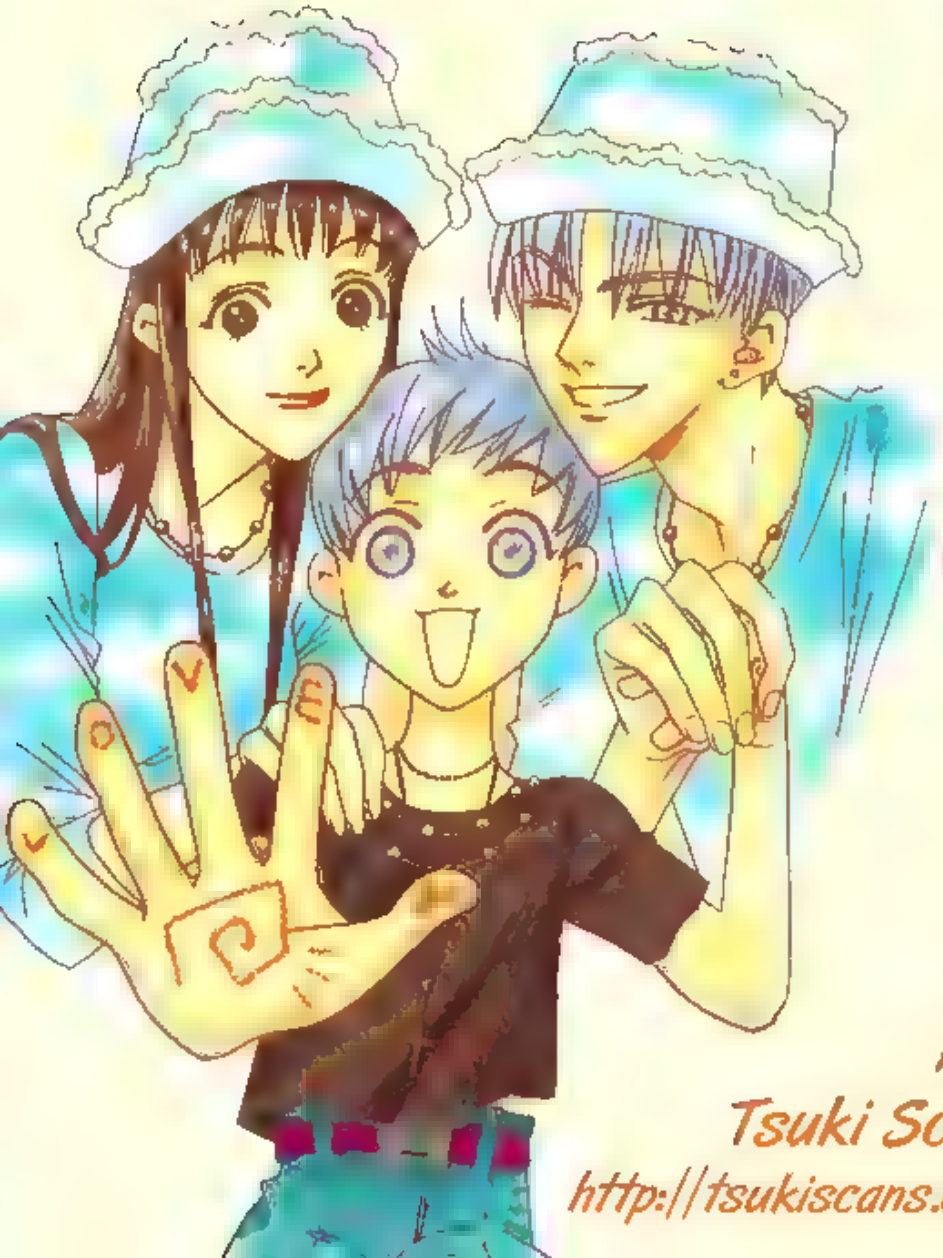

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Chapter 16

Lale's Flowers III

DRIP

DRIP

Anne hates me.

She doesn't want me.

WHERE ARE REN AND KA-CHIKO?

I ALREADY SENT THEM TO BED.

THIS TIME, IT SEEMS REN HAS A PRETTY BIG ISSUE TO DEAL WITH...

EVEN IF HE GOES TO BED, HE'LL PROBABLY STILL BE THINK-ING ABOUT IT.

SCRATCH SCRATCH

...OH. IS MIKURO-SAN ALSO RESTING? HE'S TIRED OUT, ISN'T HE?

RRRR

Because I have a weird power.

...GOT IT. WAIT A SECOND, OKAY?

We can't find him anywhere...

can I ask Ren about it?!

YES, THIS IS THE KOBAYASHI RESIDENCE.

TAKES

Ah—um, I ..

YOU HAVE A CALL FROM WAKATA-SAN...

REN.

CREEEAK

...OH?

Kaachiko-chan and I are going to Lale's house to use psychometry to find it and something on Mine. Don't worry about us.

I was wondering if he might know something—

Is Ren-kun still awake?!

I'm Ren-kun's classmate, Wakata...

IS SOMETHING THE MATTER?

...YEAH, I THINK HE'S STILL UP...

Lale's not here.

Uh, um, can you get him?!

CLOSE

—AH!

SURPRISE

LOOK, KACHIKO-CHAN, THE FRONT DOOR WAS LEFT OPEN.

WE CAN GET IN.

FOR REAL, HUH.

LUCKY!

GETTIN' HERE WIPED ME OUT.

I TELEPORTED SO MUCH,

HUH? MY PHONE IS RINGING.

Ringring

WHAAAT ?!!

He hung up on me...

Slap

KACHIKO-CHAN, THEY SAID LALE'S GONE MISS-ING!!

AH, YEAH, WE'RE FINE. TOTALLY FINE. EHE-HEHEHEHEH.

YES... AH, DAD?

Huh?

Wakata called?

WE WERE FOUND OUT.

AW MAN,

CLATTER

...AH.

HUH—

WHAAAAT ?!!

LALE'S RIGHT OVER THERE.

LA...

LALE!!

...BUT I WAS HIDING.

MOE'S PARENTS JUST CAME HERE

THEY SAID YOU WERE MISSING. YOU THINK WAKATA'S A LITTLE TOO FREAKED OUT?

...WOW, YOU SUR-PRISED ME!

I... SHOULD BE ASKING YOU THAT...

WHY DID YOU.. COME HERE?

...BUT... WHAT'RE YOU DOIN' HERE, LALE?

ISN'T IT LATE AT NIGHT?

ER... WHY ARE YOU...

CARRYIN' *THAT* AROUND...?

HEY LALE, I REALIZED THAT

UP UNTIL NOW I HAD ONLY BEEN READING YOU WITH PSYCHOMETRY, NOT ANNE.

...AH! UM...

SO,

SOMETHING I COULD REALLY USE TO READ HER!!

...I CAME TO FIND

SOMETHING I COULD READ REALLY DEEP INTO!

SO—

THE ONLY THINGS THAT ARE HERE ARE JUST STUFF ANNE DIDN'T WANT ANYMORE.

BESIDES, IN ANOTHER FEW DAYS ALL THESE THINGS ARE GOING TO GET PACKED AWAY.

...THERE'S NOTHING LIKE THAT.

DON'T!!

FOR A WHILE.

I'VE THOUGHT THIS

I SHOULD DO AWAY WITH MYSELF.

JUST LIKE THE REST OF THOSE THINGS,

KACHIKO-CHAN!!

Push

Jump

OH, YEAH?!

IF YOU GET CLOSE I MIGHT CUT YOU, TOO!!

Inches forward...

GO HOME!

slash

AH

BLEEDING

...I—

REN...!!

I GOT CUT!!!

Eeeeeeeeeeh!

G...

GO HOME...

IF YOU GO HOME, YOUR MOM WILL MEND THAT FOR YOU...

SLIDE

REN, KACHIKO? ARE YOU IN HERE?

THAT GIRL WAKATA GAVE ME THE AD... DRESS...

BUT EVEN IF I'M WORRIED OR BLEEDING

OR IF I DIE RIGHT HERE,

ANNE WON'T COME HOME.

SHE WON'T COME HOME! SHE WON'T EVER COME HOME!!!

N... NO, I'M FINE.

DOES IT HURT?

IT LOOKED LIKE A LOT OF BLOOD AT FIRST, BUT THE WOUND IS PRETTY SHALLOW...

...I SEE.

PUT

Knot

Ba-dump Ba-dump

ROUND-AND-AROUND

GLARE

...D...

DON'T COME NEAR ME...!

static

Was just caught a little off guard

NO WONDER.

ESP, HUH?

FOR SURE.

IN THAT CASE I WON'T HOLD BACK ANYTHING!!!

Haaaaaah!

!

Marine

I don't remember whether you're Lale or Lelia. though

HOW DARE YOU GO AFTER MY SON?

YOU DON'T REALLY STAND UP TO ME AS AN OPPONENT, BUT WHATEVER.

PFF

SO YOU'RE A BRAT WITH ESP.

THUD

D... DAD...!

OH... WELL THAT WAS REAL MATURE !

YOU KNOW,

I'M NOT LIKE TAMURA WHO WILL GO EASY ON YOU JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE A KID.

PFF

BLOCK

For laying a finger on someone's son, your blood shall flow!!!

*Tamura Kazuto: An adult with good sense who long ago took Rin lightly because he was a child and was hurt badly for it.

IT'S DADDY!

DADDY'S THE ONLY ADULT AROUND HERE WITH SOME SENSE AFTER ALL.....!!

HUH?!

Bam

CRASH

MI... KURO

...WHY... YOOOOOU!

RIN-KUN, STOP! HE'S A CHILD!

EVEN SO, THIS GUY— AND THIS COMING FROM YOU, AFTER HAVING DONE WHAT YOU DID TO ME WHEN I WAS AN INNOCENT CHILD—?!!

CALM DOWN, RIN-KUN.

WHATEVER THE CASE MAY BE, WE'RE IN A BAD SITUATION RIGHT NOW, AREN'T WE?!

Swoosh

AH!

Crackle Crackle

SLOWLY BRING YOUR LEVEL DOWN!!

ER...

THEN JUST WHAT THE HELL DO YOU SAY WE DO!?

AREN'T OUR ESP PROPERTIES TOO DIFFERENT?!

LIKE WATER AND OIL!

LIKE THIS, IF THERE'S A CRACK IN THE BARRIER, THIS HOUSE WILL GET BURNT TO A CRISP, TOO!

Crackle

BRING YOUR LEVEL DOWN SLOWLY...

BRING YOUR LEVEL DOWN...

Oh?

CHE...

...COOOOOOL!!! DAD AND MIKURO-OJISAN ARE SO COOOOL!!!

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN...

'BOUT HOW WE BURNT THAT TEMPLE A LONG TIME AGO?!

..YOU'RE SURPRISED ..?

HAVE ESP.

PRETTY POWERFUL, TOO.

OUR DADS BOTH

WHAT?! BUT IT'S COOL, SUPER COOL!!

MINE'S NOTHIN'.

COOOOOL!

KACHIKO-CHAN HAS IT, TOO!

HEY,

YOU SEE LALE?

YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE WITH ESP.

WHEN YOU SENT ME FLYING I ACTUALLY THOUGHT IT WAS PRETTY COOL!

YEAH!

AND LALE'S COOL, TOO!!

C.. COOL...?

SO... CAN YOU PLEASE STOP WORRYING OVER THIS?

...BUT

BUT ANNE...

1962

ORIGINAL

Rattle...

REN?

YOU'RE IN THIS HOUSE... AREN'T YOU?

AH, MO...

ANNE!!

IT'S ANNE'S VOICE ...!!

ANNE ...

HUH?

ANNE CAME HOME...!!!

RIN-KUN?

ANNE!!!

ANNE!!

ANNE...
ANNE!!

YOU CAME BACK, DIDN'T YOU?!

WHERE DID YOU GO?! I'VE BEEN WAITING ALL THIS TIME...

YOU CAME...

...HU...

YOU MUST BE LALE-KUN

...AREN'T YOU...?

I STILL DON'T THINK

WE CAN KNOW FOR SURE IF SHE LEFT BECAUSE SHE HATED YOU...

IF IT WASN'T, DON'T YOU WANT TO KNOW?!

LET'S LOOK FOR SOMETHING THAT CAN TELL US ANNE'S SECRET!!

YOU THOUGHT I WAS YOUR MOTHER...

I SEE...

I'M SORRY... DID MY VOICE SOUND LIKE HERS...?

...HEY, LALE.

ANNE'S GOT SOME KIND OF SECRET.

SOME-THING SHE DOESN'T WANT YOU TO KNOW.

THAT'S WHY SHE WOULDN'T TOUCH YOU.

IT'S NOT BECAUSE SHE HATED YOU.

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Okami is an action game with a dog as the main character The storyline is truly great the work on devising the video game, and the graphic design are also very good quality wise It's above all a divine game that makes me laugh, cry, and purr fies my heart The scene when the greenness appears again on the plains is so beautiful it gives me goose bumps This kind of scene already existed in other games or animation movies yet this one is especially accomplished when the hero (the dog) fights against the last boss of the last stage, I shed big tears
My hand holding the joystick was trembling with emotion But I really wanted to know how the story ended, so I hung in there until the end! And what a game it was! It's really a significant game! A game full of joy!

If you feel like it try it out It's a PS2 game I believe a low cost game has just been released. Raaagh (Husky breath.

Oh! I'm sorry to bring this ranting about my hobby to an end.

May the stars protect you and may you enjoy the moonlight, the sunlight, and the fruits the earth bears I hope you're going to experience as many emotions and happiness as there are stars in the sky

Thank you again

January 16th, 2007
Saki Hiwatari

HEY, REN, HOW ABOUT WE ALL SING AND GET THIS LITTLE ONE TO BLOOM?

WHAT IF THIS LITTLE ONE IS THE ONE

WHO KNOWS ANNE'S SECRET BEST?

WHAAAT?!

...HEY, MOM, WHY'D YOU PUT THE BULB IN A BOWL?

BECAUSE YOU CAN HAVE VERY DIFFERENT INDIVIDUAL ABILITIES.

IT'S ALL CALLED ESP,

...

WHAT DO WE SING, MOM?

...THAT SONG IS A SECRET, ISN'T IT?

THEN, HOW ABOUT WE SING "TULIP"*?

READY, GO!

IS A WOMAN WHO CAN MAKE FLOWERS BLOOM.

REN'S MOTHER

ALL RIGHT THEN,

LET'S SING!

*T/N A Japanese nursery rhyme.

It's bloomed...

EVERY-ONE HOLD HANDS, ALL RIGHT?

IT WON'T BLOOM TO THAT ..

It's bloomed ...

!

The tulip flowers have bloomed!

They're lined up in a row..

lined up in a row...

Red ones, white ones, and also yellow ones...

Growing Whatever flower you see...

SEE?! A SPROUT!

Sri ang

—AH!

IT'S HERE...!!

Pop...

WAH...! IT BLOOMED...!

is so pretty...

ALL RIGHT, ONE MORE TIME!

!!

It's bloomed...

It's bloomed...

...WOAH!

Slare...

AMAZ-ING...!

Squeeze

LALE, LET'S LOOK TOGETHER!!!

ORIGINAL

...I'm sorry.

Lale

Every-thing is Anne's fault.

The reason baba* died...

is also Anne's fault.

The reason every-one is afraid of Lale's power

*Baba is Turkish for dad.

Because there are those who said we're monsters,

but we're already out of money.

we've had to stay cow-ering away.

That's all we can do, isn't it?

Shall we... die togeth-er?

is because I pushed him too much.

I can't strangle Lale!

But,

I can't do it. I can't do it!

I'm a terrible mother!

If I'm here... I'll only make Lale unhappy—

Nod

LALE... DID YOU SEE ?

. BUT .. DID YOU GET THE MESSAGE CLEARLY...?

I CAN SAY THIS IN ANNE'S PLACE...

BECAUSE REN TOUCHED YOU...

I SAW IT TOO.

I BELIEVE .

ANNE LOVED YOU VERY, VERY MUCH.

OR KILLING YOU HERSELF... SO THAT YOU WOULDN'T KNOW.

COMMITTING SUICIDE TOGETHER...

SHE THOUGHT OF THE TWO OF YOU

I CAN UNDERSTAND VERY WELL HOW SHE FELT,

WHAT IT MUST HAVE BEEN LIKE FOR HER

TO THINK OF YOU HATING HER.

CAN YOU IMAGINE IT?

HOW HORRIBLE IT WOULD FEEL... ESPECIALLY SINCE YOU WERE THE PERSON MOST PRECIOUS IN HER HEART.

SHE LOVED YOU SO MUCH...

SO MUCH THAT SHE THOUGHT HER HEART WOULD BREAK...

IF SHE STAYED WITH YOU...

TO BE HATED BY THE PERSON YOU LOVE MOST IN THE WHOLE WORLD?

Lale is Anne's cute, cute tulip!

If you're not warm, you'll wither away! We sure don't want that!

SNIFFLE

BLOWS NOSE

...HEY, LALE,

ABOUT THAT...

MY DADDY HAS A JOB USING ESP.

HOW ABOUT MAKIN' SOME MONEY WITH YOUR ESP?

IF SHE KNEW YOU HAD MADE SOME MONEY,

ANNE MIGHT FEEL DIFFERENT ABOUT ESP.

Anne.

Anne.

KACHIKO TOLD ME TO COME AND HELP YA' OUT...

...THAT'S RIGHT, HUH, KA-CHIKO-CHAN...

BUT EVEN SO,

I'M ABLE TO MAKE A GOOD LIVING ON MY OWN WITH ESP NOW, AREN'T I?

...

MIKURO.

...WHAT ...?!

...

YEAH.

AND... TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH,

I WAS REALLY HATED BY MY MOTH-ER FOR MY ESP.

UNLIKE YOU, I WAS REALLY THROWN AWAY FOR IT.

WHAAAT?!

NOO NOO

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ESP?

FIRST OF ALL, DOESN'T HE NEED

YOU MEAN TO TAKE HIM WITH YOU TO THE EPIA*?

YOU HAVE A POINT THERE.

...

* Epia (American Home Defensive Research Institute)

IS...

IS ANNE ALIVE...?!

BY THEN, SHE'LL PROBABLY BE RELIEVED TO SEE THAT YOU CAN CONTROL IT, WON'T SHE?

THEN YOU COULD USE YOUR ESP T' TRY TO FIND ANNE.

IT'D BE BEST FOR YOU TO MEMORIZE SOME TECHNIQUES FOR CONTROLLING ESP.

THEN YOU COULD LIVE TOGETHER AGAIN.

BUT I DON'T SEE ANYTHING.

IF SHE HAD PASSED AWAY, IN ALL PROBABIL-ITY, SHE WOULD BE THERE AS A GHOST BEHIND YOU...

DON'TCHA' THINK SHE'S ALIVE?

THAT'S GREAT, LALE...!!

REALLY GREAT!!!

THAT'S... GREAT...!

SHAKES

REN...

...YOUR ARM... DOES IT HURT...?

NO, I'M ALREADY TOTALLY FINE!

I'M SORRY...

ORIGINAL

THANK YOU...

YEAH!

Guardian angels...

is it okay to cry now?

CLANG

HMM...

SO LALE'S ALREADY MOVED OUT OF WAKATA'S HOUSE,

AND IS STUDYING ABROAD IN AMERICA?

YUP, THAT'S HOW IT IS.

SURE HE'LL FIND HER!

WILL HE EVER FIND ANNE?

I...

gave it my all.

DIDJA ALL DO YER HOME-WORK?!

HEY, YOU GUYS!

Ahhh, the Quitter's here!

WHAAAT?! YOU FOUND HIS MOM?!

BUT WE FINISHED UP LALE'S REQUEST!

I HAVEN'T DONE ANY HOMEWORK,

YOU'RE NOT KIDDIN'? THAT'S AMAAAAAZING.

THEN WILL YA FIND MY OLD MAN, TOO?!

NOBUYUKI, IS THAT . A REQUEST?

NOPE.

NOT AT ALL.

All right...

LET'S ALL GO T' THE BEACH!

AH, SOUNDS NICE! ♡

Footsteps

Footsteps

Let's have some fun!!!

DAAAAD!

TAKE US TO THE BEACH—!

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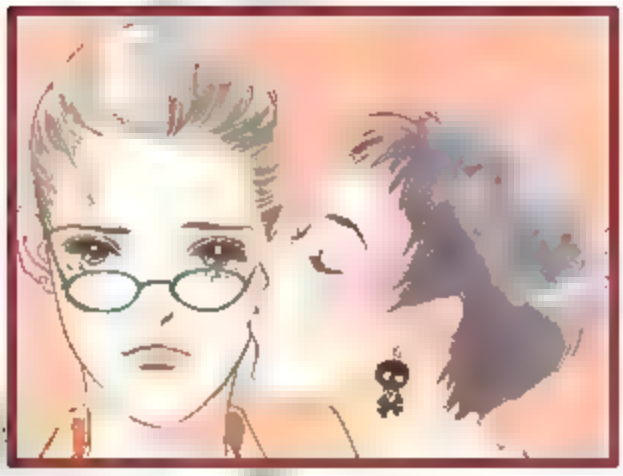

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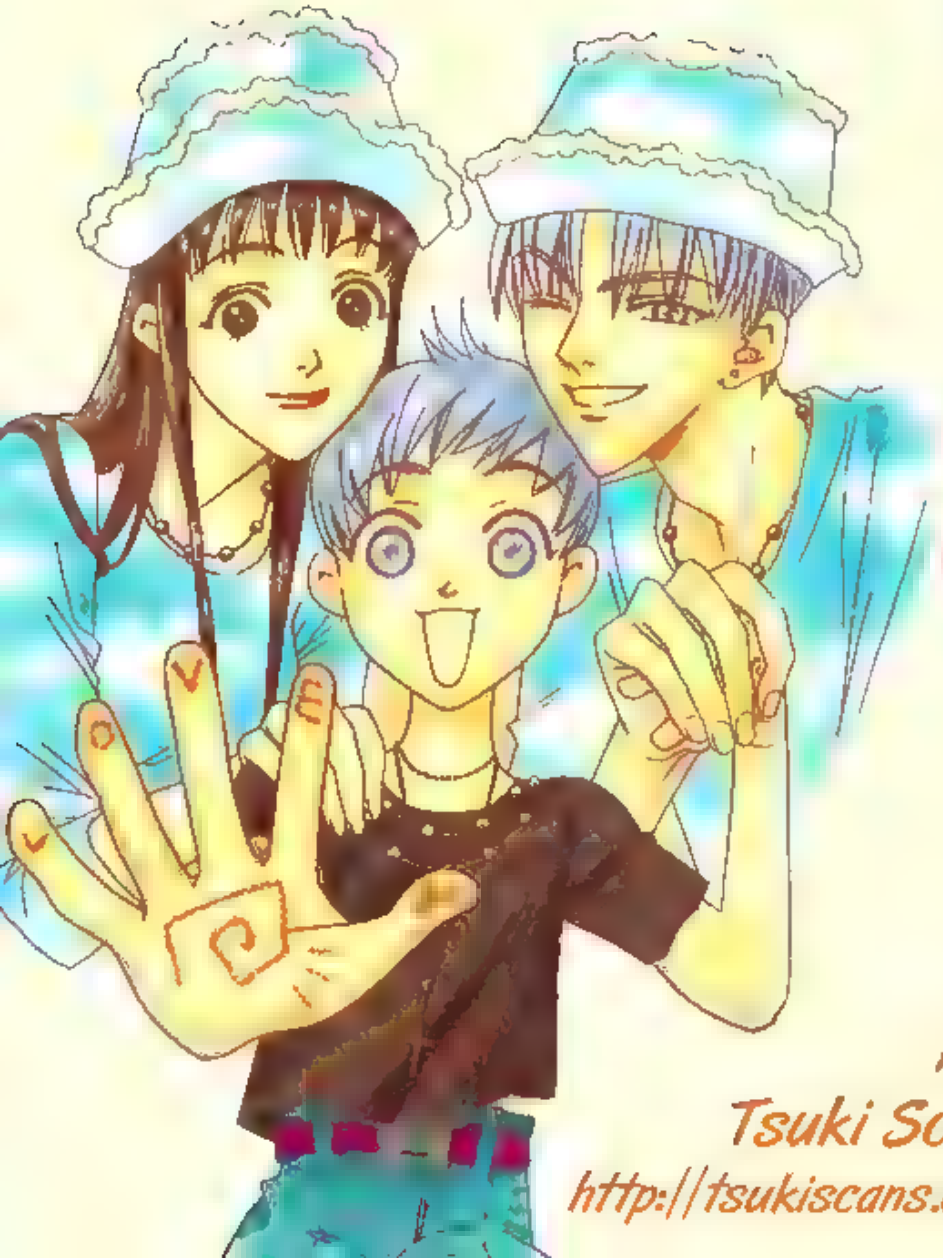

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I still remember it vividly.

I... FORCED MYSELF ON RIN-KUN...

AGE 24

...SO...

I'M THE ONE WHO WANTED A BABY.

AH!

BOW

BOW

PLEASE LET ME HAVE THIS BABY!!

I'VE GOTTEN PREGNANT. I'M SORRY.

...WELL, THINKING ABOUT IT IN TERMS OF AGE, NOW'S THE BEST TIME FOR HER TO HAVE CHILDREN...

Dad was in shock. Mom accepted it.

WHA... WHAT!?

AGE 15

I, of course, became enraged

and barged in on the neighbors and punched Rin right away.

However, until that time, it seems that

SHAKE SHAKE

ME

he hadn't even known that she was pregnant.

ALICE... IS PREGNANT?!

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I Hate This Guy !!

Volume 2

CHAPTER 17

In other words this was when I found out that my sister

had been planning to raise Ren by herself.

After that, my mind went blank and I don't remember anymore.

THIS GUY

UNCLE HAJIME, WE'RE HEEEERE!

MOM AND KACHIKO-CHAN CAME, TOO!

AAAH— YOU'RE RIGHT, HE'S SLEEPING!

FOR REAL!

...DON'T BRING THEM WITH YOU. THEY'LL CATCH MY COLD...

I'LL HAVE THEM PLAY OUTSIDE.

... SORRY, I DIDN'T ASK IF THEY COULD COME.

PHEW

IT'S FINE. SEE YOU LATER!

DON'T BOTHER HER TOO MUCH! UNDER-STAND?

WHA—HUH—?! SHE'S DAN-GEROUS.

WE'RE GONNA GO PLAY WITH MADOKA-CHAN NEXT DOOR, MOM!!

SO I HAD TO SEE THEM OFF WITH A SMILE, RIGHT?

THEY WERE GOING ON A SECOND HONEYMOON AND I COULDN'T ASK THEM TO STAY.

YOU ONLY GET A FEVER WHEN MOM AND DAD AREN'T HERE.

YOU MUST BE JINXED, HAJIME.

That's Rin's favorite dish.

PISSED OFF

MAYBE SOME RICE GRUEL AND A SIDE DISH?

WELL THEN, WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO EAT?

HMM ...

...NO THANKS.

I used to like it... but now I kind of hate it.

HOW ABOUT SOME-THING LIKE ODEN?

THAT'S A LITTLE SUDDEN, ISN'T IT?

000

WHAT?!

HEY, NEECHAN...

WHY DID YOU USED TO THINK YOU'D RAISE REN BY YOURSELF?

ABOUT REN,

YOU INTENDED NOT TO INFORM RIN ABOUT THE BABY...

AND TO RAISE HIM ON YOUR OWN, DIDN'T YOU?

I REMEMBERED IT AND WANTED TO ASK.

WHY DO YOU SUDDENLY WANT TO BRING UP SOMETHING FROM SO LONG AGO. ?

WHEN I HAD PUNCHED RIN,

HE STILL DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING.

That's how it is at first glance...

...ER ...WELL,

JUST 15, SO...

RIN-KUN WAS... TOO YOUNG...

WHY WAS THAT?

I DIDN'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO RESTRICT HIS FUTURE...

BUT NEE-CHAN,

ABOUT THAT... THE AGE DIFFER-ENCE ISN'T GOING TO SHRINK AT ALL.

QUITE THE CONTRARY!

I... I KNOW THAT!

IT'S NINE YEARS.

THE PROBLEM IS THE AGE DIFFERENCE, ISN'T IT?

HASN'T IT ALWAYS BEEN CONSPICUOUS?

RIN-KUN'S NOT LIKE THAT, SO DON'T SAY THAT!!

YOU THINK RIN WILL EVEN GIVE IT AN-OTHER FIVE YEARS?!

THE AGE DIFFER-ENCE ITSELF IS BAD ENOUGH, BUT FOR THE WOMAN TO BE THE OLDER ONE? THOSE KINDS OF MARRIED COUPLES TYPICALLY DON'T LAST LONG.

THERE'S NO WAY THAT WOULD HAPPEN!!

AND WHAT WAS WITH SAYING THAT ONE TIME THAT **YOU** WERE THE ONE WHO FORCED YOUR-SELF ON **HIM**?!

YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED AT ALL FROM BACK THEN, NEECHAN!

YOU'RE CON-STANTLY BELIEV-ING EVERYTHING RIN SAYS AND YOU COVER FOR HIM WAY TOO MUCH!

HE'S JUST LIKE HIS PAST SELF, THAT SHION GUY, ISN'T HE?

SEE! YOU'RE STILL COVERING FOR HIM!

BUT IT WAS TRUE!

I REALLY DID FORCE MYSELF ON HIM!

YOU MUST HAVE WOUND UP BEING TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF BY HIM—

Bluuuush

SEEING HIM THAT WAY IS QUITE NAÏVE...

HAJIME, YOU'RE MISTAKEN ABOUT RIN-KUN.

FOR THE SAKE OF RIN-KUN'S HONOR, I'LL TELL YOU EVERYTHING!

AH! NO, DEFINITELY NOT!!

.. THAT DAY, I CRIED AND PLEADED WITH HIM,

...BECAUSE OF WHAT SHION-SAN DID TO MOKU-REN-SAN IN OUR PAST LIVES...

RIN-KUN COULDN'T— REALLY, REALLY COULDN'T—

BRING HIMSELF TO CROSS THAT LINE...

"IF YOU DON'T CROSS THAT LINE TONIGHT, WE'LL BREAK UP..."

SNOW WAS FALLING ON THAT COLD JANUARY DAY.

ALL AT ONCE, RIN-KUN SEEMED TENSE,

THEN QUIETLY SMILED

AND SAID,

"I UNDERSTAND."

THE BEST BACK GROUND MUSIC WOULD BE "SNOW FLOWERS"

RIGHT THEN, EVEN THOUGH WE WERE IN FRONT OF THE STATION,

AND IN A CROWD, WE SHARED OUR FIRST KISS OF THE NIGHT...

she's gushing.

She doesn't realize that

In their own world.

I WAS THE ONE WHO GOT ANXIOUS...

BUT ONCE RIN-KUN WAS IN MIDDLE SCHOOL,

WE HAD MEANT TO GET MARRIED...

Don't you think that the one who will really protect you is me?

Sakaguchi-san...

...AH— LIKE JIN-PACHI-SAN.

HE WAS 8 YEARS YOUNGER THAN THIS AT THE TIME.

HE THINKS OF THIS AS A PROPOSAL LINE.

HE WAS VERY POPULAR AS IT WAS,

AND I, ALREADY AN ADULT PAST 20, HAD MY OWN IS-SUES.

A multi-date?

THE FOURTH?

THE THIRD?

THE SECOND

THE FIRST CANDIDATE

HUH?! WHO ELSE?!

IT WASN'T JUST JIN-PACHI-KUN...!

I WAS AT THE AGE WHEN I WANTED SOME WARMTH... AND SOME-THING DEFI-NITIVE...

I WAS SO NERVOUS, I COULDN'T STAND IT... SO...

Prattling on

Prattling on

TO-GETH-ER...

AND WE WERE GOING DOWN PATHS THAT DIDN'T FIT WELL..

ANYWAY... OUR WORLDS WERE GET-TING BROAD-ER...

WHATEVER WOULD HAPPEN,

I WANTED TO BRING FORTH THAT LIFE.

NO WAY!!

I DIDN'T EXPECT WHAT WOULD HAPPEN.

BUT I WAS HAPPY, SO HAPPY.

AFTER HE FOUND OUT YOU WERE PREGNANT, WAS HE FOR OR AGAINST IT?!

BUT WAS RIN THAT PLEASED AT THE TIME?!

AND THEN—

HAJIME, DON'T YOU REMEMBER?

AFTER YOU PUNCHED HIM, I WENT OVER TO TRY TO STOP YOU,

WELL.

ER... ERM...

REN'S FINE AND ALL... I'M NOT SAYING ANYTHING ABOUT THAT.

It's all right for you to punch me!!

THIS IS THE ONE THING I MUST ABSOLUTELY INSIST ON.

I AM PREPARED TO FIGHT FOR THIS NAME!!!

THE NAME WILL BE "REN"!!!

"REN"!!!

WHETHER IT'S A BOY OR A GIRL, IT'LL BE "REN" FROM "MOKUREN"!

JERK

すももも…

Grrrrrr!

⊢I just remembered!

IT SEEMED AS IF RIN-KUN HAD ACTUALLY BEEN STEADILY PLANNING OUT OUR FUTURE.

HE EVEN SAID HE HAD PICKED OUT OUR SECOND CHILD'S NAME, TOO, DIDN'T HE?

I WAS SO HAPPY.

That...
that's right
That brat

had been
preparing
all along...

All that
time he
had been
spinning a
tight web

NEE-
CHAN
NEE-
CHAN

and no
one could see
what he was
up to because
he was 10,000
steps ahead of
everyone else

YOU REALLY
CAN'T GO ON
LIKE THIS

He's a
fearsome,
scheming
man!!!

I don't even
know how
much fell
into place
for him

YOU SHOULD
BREAK UP WITH
RIN OR YOU'LL
BE SCREWED UP
FOR LIFE

THE REASON YOU ACTED THAT WAY

MIGHT POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN ALL HIS DOING...!

WHAAAAT? THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

IT'S THOROUGHLY POSSIBLE!!

I'M NOT KIDDING!

IT'S NOT IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM...!!!

"I understand."

THE BEST BACKGROUND MUSIC WOULD BE "OMEN" BY J.G. SMITH.

My sister the victim, and *he* the victor,

a machiavellian smile adorning his face as he embraces her!

Hehe heh

Aaaaaah! As if it's right in front of me,

I can see them in the crowd in front of the station.

That night

my fever passed 39 degrees.*

I fainted and lost consciousness and remembered something else.

*T/N: 39 C = 102.2 F

KYA— HAJIME!! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!

GET SOME SLEEP— YOU HAVE A TERRIBLE FEVER, DON'T YOU?!

HE'LL ALWAYS MAKE YOU DANCE AROUND...

Dizziness

HE'LL MAKE YOU GIVE BIRTH AGAIN..

BREAK UP WITH HIM... NE... CHA.

AS LONG AS HE LIVES ...

HE'LL NEVER CHANGE ...

Neechan had a difficult labor.

I was relieved when mom told me that both mother and child were fine.

When I had gone to see newborn, Ren, that guy was there having father time.

Seeing him unaware

HIC

WOAH!

of those giant tears overflowing...

So...

I really couldn't look away.

At that moment,

Before I knew it, I was crying, too.

Sob

even if that guy's tears hadn't been faked,

I was the only one who wouldn't take Kobayashi Rin lightly.

At that moment, I firmly swore in my heart

that I wouldn't be moved to tears.

There was no way he could win me over, too. I'd keep fighting!

You cannot trust Kobayashi Rin 100%!

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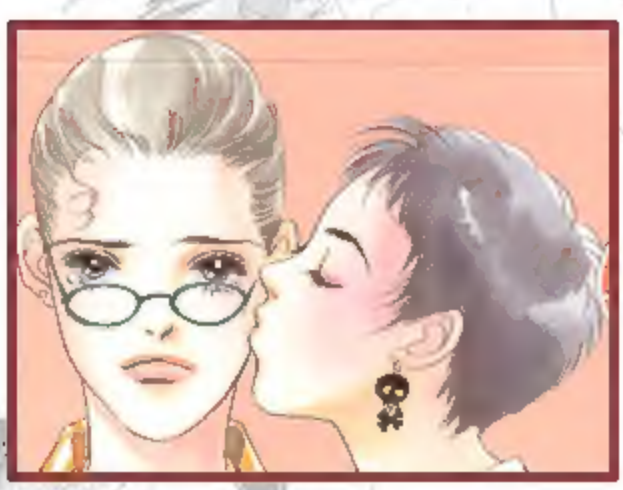

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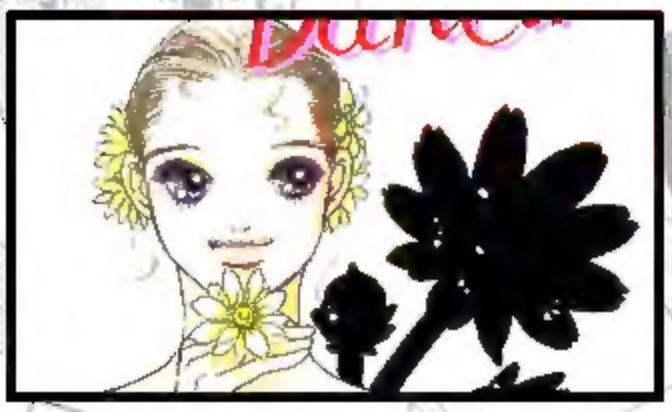

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